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Roadworks now pose jobs threat as trade hit

TRADERS blighted by a 15-month Black Country roadworks scheme say they have just weeks left before they start cutting jobs and hours to save cash.

The A4100 in Cradley Heath is currently undergoing a £3 million programme of roadworks to tackle on-street parking and congestion. It includes providing parking bays for shoppers. But the work is coming at a cost to traders, who say takings are less than a third of what they were before it began in October.

Stephen Pitts, owner of TeeT Shirts in Reddal Hill Road, said jobs could go within eight weeks unless the situation picks up. The shop employs five people.

"We're hoping and praying the work does finish soon," he said.

At John Jones Footwear in Upper High Street one worker has already been made redundant and the hours of the three remaining workers could be cut.

Sandwell Council said the works were scheduled to end in December.

Fear over new rent pay points

RESIDENTS will no longer be able to pay their council house rent in cash at new offices in Brierley Hill.

There are fears elderly people will struggle to pay their bills using new pay points. But council bosses say the decision was made for the safety of vulnerable residents who would be at risk of being mugged carrying large sums of cash.

The Brierley Hill housing office and Citizens' Advice Bureau will be moved to the town's High Street library under plans costing £100,000. Ward councillor Rachel Harris said: "Older people prefer to pay by cash and this could be difficult for them."

Dudley Council officials say the move will create a one-stop-shop for all three services at the location.

Hundreds caught by the yellow peril

MORE than 300 parking tickets have been issued to drivers on two Stourbridge streets in the space of a year, the latest figures show.

Between February 2010 and the end of January this year, a total of 120 fixed penalties were dished out to drivers on Market Street and another 195 on High Street.

Drivers have been caught parking on double yellow lines, which can make it difficult for other motorists to pass while they dash into shops.

They are also overstaying the time allowed to park in designated bays.

Motorists often park illegally to avoid using one of the car parks on the outskirts of the town centre.

Support grows for return of day care service



Olive Perry and daughter Paulette Walton with, right, Carole Jenkins and Tony Billingham and councillors Barbara Price, Chris Tranter and Iris Boucher

ELDERLY residents and their families turned up to a public meeting in the hope their Black Country day care service could be resurrected at its landmark venue.

Seven weeks ago Sandwell social services moved the day care service at The Regis in Old Hill eight miles away to the Manifolda Grange in West Bromwich.

Centre users were left devastated that the service had disappeared from their doorsteps.

Last Thursday's meeting was held at The Regis in Reddal Hill Road by owners Carole Jenkins and Tony Billingham.

The business partners also run nursing and care homes business Carlton Care Group, which operates in the Sandwell and Dudley boroughs.

Currently the bosses are assessing whether there is enough demand to run

the Old Hill centre as a private enterprise.

Addressing the meeting, Mrs Jenkins said: "The local authority came to us three years ago because there was a great need for day care for the elderly. If there was a great need three years ago, there is an even greater need now."

"We want to offer the day care here, but it does need to be funded."

"To make it work we have to have between 35 and 40 people here a day."

Devastated

Olive Perry, aged 88, of Hadendale Road, Cradley Heath, went to the care centre at The Regis once a week and at the meeting she said she misses it terribly.

She said: "I loved it here, it was a real social occasion, all my friends would come."

"I used to come with my husband before he passed away. I was devastated when it moved."

Mrs Perry said she was originally not

going to continue going when it moved to West Bromwich, but was persuaded by her daughter Paulette Walton to give it a try.

She said: "I spend three hours on a coach a day when I go. People from all over go there, but many of my friends decided it was too far so don't go. It is not as nice as it was here."

Sue Parkes went to the meeting on behalf of her 80-year-old mother. She said: "Mum would come here and get her hair and nails done and sit and chat with friends. When she came here she was a completely different person, she was enjoying life again."

"I am now terrified she will deteriorate. It is really very upsetting. She doesn't want to spend hours on a bus to West Bromwich."

Another public meeting was arranged for Wednesday, March 23 at 2.30pm to establish whether there is enough interest.

CHAOS AS £22m CUTS APPROVED

● Police called ● Gallery uproar ● Demo on steps

Shadow finance chief warns of more than 1,000 job losses

MORE than 1,000 people could find themselves out of a job when the full impact of Dudley Council's £35 million budget cuts are revealed, opposition councillors claimed.

As part of the heated debate in the chamber, shadow cabinet member for finance Councillor Pete Lowe said: "There will be 429 full-time equivalent jobs going this year, rising to 828 full-time equivalent jobs to go within a three-year period," he told the meeting.

"But what we should not forget is that the majority of Dudley Council employees are part time workers. This means, by my calculations, that the full impact of job cuts could be in excess of 1,000."

included members of the National Unions of Teachers and the Dudley Coalition Against the Cuts group – chose to leave rather than stay in silence.

Tensions were running high even before the meeting, when it emerged there were only 45 seats available in the public gallery and entry was by ticket only. They were handed out 'first come, first served' forcing dozens more protesters out.

Proceedings were called to a halt

after Councillor Miller had called for quiet twice and people in the gallery starting chanting: "No ifs, no buts, no to Tory cuts".

The budget, which sets out plans to save £22m during the 2011/12 financial year, was approved following more than three hours of debate at Dudley Council house.

Cuts totalling £35 million are to be made over three years.

New cuts which came to light include almost £500,000 to be axed

from the Dudley Performing Arts group. The cuts mean major events – including Rock the Castle and the annual Summer Festival – will no longer be able to be held.

Other moves include cutting £569,000 from family centres in Stourbridge, Coseley and Gornal, and merging them with nearby children's centres, and axing £650,000 for children with mental and physical disabilities.

Before the meeting began more than 150 people carrying flags and banners gathered outside Dudley Council house to protest against what they labelled "brutal" cuts.

Among the protesters – many wearing Dudley Council uniforms – were workers fearing for their jobs, members of unions such as Unison, Unite and NUT, and campaign group Dudley Coalition Against the Cuts. Laura Gibbard, from the Dudley Coalition Against the Cuts, said: "Cuts to local services – particularly those which are going to affect the most vulnerable people in society – are just not acceptable," she said.



Helena Lawson from Unison and other protesters outside the budget meeting at Dudley Council House, Priory Road, Dudley

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On song to help hospice

A MUSICAL maestro from Dudley has helped raise £350 for Acorns Children's Hospice.

Dave Richards is musical director of Ellenvale Young Singers, who held charity carol concerts.

Mr Richards held the concerts as part of a charity drive by his employer, Birmingham-based Trufo Marine, where he is customer and technical support manager.

Other efforts by the firm pushed the final to £2,500.

Joanne Danaher, an Acorns community fundraising officer, said: "These vital care services depend on wonderful donations like this, from Trufo Marine."

Arrests and fines after car-washes crackdown

TWO car washes in Brierley Hill have been closed in a new crackdown on businesses employing illegal immigrants.

Three arrests were made and fines totalling £40,000 were issued as part of the operation last week.

Staff found working at car washes without proper permits will now face deportation.

Police teamed up with officers from the UK Border Agency for the operation, which targeted take-aways and off licences as well as car washes. More blitzes are now planned across the region.

The latest operation was organised after figures revealed almost 300 illegal workers have been found at businesses in the West Midlands and Staffordshire in the past two years.

Among the firms raided was the

Brierley Drinks Stop shop in High Street, where one man was arrested and a £10,000 fine issued.

Diamond car wash in Brettell Lane, Brierley Hill, and another behind the vacant Malt Shovel pub in Stourbridge Road, were closed down.

One man was arrested at each car wash and the employers fined.

Hotspot

The Chicken Hut in Castle Street, Dudley was also fined.

Border Agency officer Manoj Lal, who is based in Solihull, said the West Midlands was a hotspot for illegal workers.

Similar operations are planned in Wolverhampton and West Bromwich over the coming months, he added, following a successful joint operation in December. Mr Lal said:

"This was the second operation we carried out in Dudley and we are very pleased with how it has gone."

"Illegal workers working in car washes and takeaways are a growing problem across the country and several came to the attention of Dudley police, who approached us."

"They work in these places as it is cheap labour, often cash-in-hand and can be done late at night, when they think they are less likely to be caught."

Sgt Cliff Tomkinson, who was leading the operation, said more operations were planned.

In the December operation, five people were arrested from three car washes in Pensnett and Lye.

All of them were asylum seekers who had refused to leave.

They have now all been deported.

Ex-dentist climbs new heights to help charity



Robert Marsh

A FORMER Sedgley dentist has climbed the world's highest free-standing mountain, all in the name of charity.

Robert Marsh, from Codsall, scaled Mount Kilimanjaro to raise funds for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research in memory of his wife Sue, who died from leukaemia complications in 2000.

Brother-in-law Paul Matson, nephew Ian Matson and daughter Michelle Oates joined Robert on his epic eight-day trek, which was timed with what would have been Sue's 60th birthday.

So far the quartet has raised what Robert called an "overwhelming" amount of £9,000 for the research charity.

He said physically speaking the challenge was the hardest of his life.

"Relatively speaking it went to plan

but the whole thing was a lot harder than I thought it would be," the 63-year-old said.

"I got acute altitude sickness in the summit camp so unfortunately couldn't make it up the last 800 metres. It was tough going but we got there in the end."

Robert used to run the Bloomfield House dental practice with Sue in Sedgley and said that the fundraising response from former colleagues had left him gobsmacked.

Response

"Lots of friends have donated some very generous sums of money," he added. "Considering that this was never intended as a fundraising thing the response has been overwhelming."

Money can still be donated on the website, www.justgiving.com/robert-marsh/1

Last three care homes face review by council

THE long-term future of the three remaining council-run residential care homes in Dudley will be reviewed within two years, the authority said.

Council leaders have revealed that they are considering the fate of 31-bed New Bradley Hall, in Kingswinford, 32-bed Russells Court, in Dudley, and 41-bed Shensstone, in Halesowen, as part of a review of social care in the wake of Government cuts.

They are the last three council-run long-stay care homes after it was announced last year that Tiled House Care Home, Pensnett, and Amblecote House would be shut.

The Tory cabinet member for adult and community services, Councillor Lesley Faulkner, said: "It's important to emphasise that no decision has been taken at this stage to close the remaining three long-stay residential care homes in the borough - New Bradley Hall, Russells Court or Shensstone."

"Proposals to consider the future of long-stay care homes in the borough will take place over the next two years as part of the council's modernisation of social services."

Councillor Faulkner said that social care for older people in Dudley was changing.

"Many older people have told the council that they want to maintain their health and independence for as long as possible and this is the focus of Dudley's new vision for social care," she said.

"It means the council is modernising its approach and looking at positive alternative options."

Apartments

"One of the options, extra care housing, is designed to offer independent living for older people and is a positive alternative to what many would consider as traditional social care services such as residential care."

The authority is ploughing ahead with plans for five extra care housing schemes which will provide around 600 flats to help meet the needs of older people.

Work has already started on two schemes at Russells Hall and Coseley.

The £16 million Russells Hall scheme will have 132 apartments and will be aimed at the over 55s, while the Coseley scheme is an £8m project and will comprise 72 apartments.

Lovelle wins as shop celebrates



YMCA fundraising manager Steve Bavington, back left, mayor and mayoress Peter and Hilary Miller, and YMCA centre manager Wendy Bennett with, front, contestants Amy Taylor, Anthony Slater, and the winner, Lovelle Foster

STAFF and shoppers at a charity shop in Brierley Hill have hit a high note to celebrate their first year in operation.

The YMCA shop at the Moor Centre opened on March 2 last year. Since then there have been more than 100 young people through the doors volunteering and helping on work placements.

To mark the birthday staff held a talent contest with seven current staff and volunteers.

The judges, who included Dudley Mayor Peter Miller and Steve Bavington, from the YMCA, West Bromwich, picked 20-year-old Lovelle Foster of Stourbridge as the winner.

She performed a Rihanna song and the library is well under way and hopefully it can be reopened late next month.

"There is still no date set for the opening of the new library, but it is hoped to take place in May."

"Once that is done the old library building will be put up for sale. We have said that whoever buys it must keep the original appearance of the building."

All libraries in Sandwell are currently under review, very good to us."

Flooded library's opening chapter

A LIBRARY closed indefinitely following flood damage is to reopen at the end of next month.

Heating and electrics at Blackheath Library were damaged after an outside sewer pipe burst during the December freeze and flooded the cellar.

A mobile library service was set up while repair works took place.

The closure follows that of nearby Valley Road Express Library, which flooded in July as firefighters tackled a blaze in a nearby flat. It reopened after three months after it was fully repaired and dried out.

The new £1.9 million Blackheath Library currently under construction, will not open until at least May.

The library is set to transform the landscape of the town and will also be home to new offices for the Black Country Housing Group.

Councillor Ann Shackleton, Sandwell's cabinet member for youth, culture and leisure said: "Work on the library is well under way and hopefully it can be reopened late next month."

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Cry goes up for younger voices

BUDDING singers in Cradley Heath are being given the chance to showcase their talents in a youth choir.

Pure Harmony has been taken over by a new leader, Eleanor Rushbury, who is now looking for fresh talent to join the group.

The choir, which meets every Monday from 6pm until 7pm, at Lawrence Lane Methodist Church, has been running for more than three years.

Singing regularly at charity events and at concerts throughout the year, the choir is affiliated to the adult group Voices in Harmony, which is well known throughout the area for its fundraising efforts.

Eager

The youth choir, which currently has 18 members, is looking for boys and girls aged between six and 16 to join their new conductor.

Eleanor, who teaches in Sandwell, has qualified as a choral conductor through the Sing for Pleasure choral conducting programme.

She said: "I wanted to be able to use my conducting skills within the community. We perform all sorts of music and I am eager to get the children together to share their love for singing."

"It would be great if the youngsters that join do so with a view to carry on and eventually perform as part of the adult choir."

For more information, log on to www.vihchoir.org or call 01384 567207.

Two deny charge of burglary

A MAN and woman from the Black Country have appeared in court charged with burglary of an 87-year-old neighbour's house.

Tanya Chesworth and Ashley Jones, both aged 21, are accused of stealing £300 worth of garden tools from the property in Marriott Road, Netherton on February 22. They both pleaded not guilty to burglary at Dudley Magistrates' Court last Friday.

The pair were offered a trial before magistrates but opted to stand trial at Wolverhampton Crown Court before a jury instead.

They are now due back at the court again on May 3 for a committal hearing.



Guide Lesley Gorski with Dudley's keeper of geology, Graham Worton, Dudley Museum curator Adrian Durkin, Alan Cutler and Jessica Welch, at the unveiling

History revealed by £1.1m nature project

A PROJECT to open up one of the Black Country's most significant historical sites has been unveiled to the public.

Visitors to the Wren's Nest National Nature Reserve, in Dudley, were invited to try out new viewing stands, improved pathways and a new car park as guides in fancy dress took them on a tour of the site.

The £1.1 million Ripples Through Time project, partly paid for by the Heritage Lottery Fund, aims to open up Dudley's renowned

Seven Sisters caverns, which have been hailed as one of the most important geological sites in the world.

Dudley Council's cabinet member for environment and culture, Councillor David Stanley, said he was proud to see the results of what had been months of hard work.

Feature

"The Wren's Nest site is unique and is internationally renowned and we are fortunate to have such an important geological feature on our doorstep."

Geologist Sir Roderick

Murchison, who conducted scientific research at the steeply sloping site in the 19th century, was given special mention with visitors shown his favourite place to visit at Wren's Nest, known as Murchison's View.

Visitors were also given the chance to "dig up some history" in a fossil hunt.

Following the tour, they were taken to the Dudley Museum & Art Gallery, in St James's Road, for a talk about Sir Roderick's findings and activities teaching schoolchildren about the fossils which have been found at Wren's Nest.

Couple allowed their dog to suffer

THE owners of a Japanese Akita dog which was underweight and suffering from a "profound" skin condition failed to take it to the vets for treatment, a court heard.

Kimberley Butcher and Joseph O'Connor said they thought their pet, Tara, was getting better and did not need expert help. Dudley Magistrates' Court was told.

RSPCA inspectors, who visited the couple's home in Jasmine Road, Dudley, said the animal had also not been fed enough food and weighed less than it should.

The pair, both aged 22, were banned from keeping animals for 10 years and ordered to do 200 hours of unpaid work.

Pregnant

They were jointly charged with two counts of causing the animal unnecessary suffering by failing to provide an adequate diet and failing to provide proper and necessary veterinary treatment. They pleaded guilty to the charges last week.

Mr Nick Sutton, prosecuting on behalf of the RSPCA, said inspectors visited on June 1 last year and found the couple had two dogs - Tara and a German Shepherd called King.

Tara was said to be "hungry to the point of being ravenous". The dog has since been re-homed, he said.

Mr Richard Birch, defending, said Miss Butcher had been pregnant with her third child and they had made the baby their priority as there had been complications with the pregnancy.

The pair were ordered to pay £200 court and vet costs. King will also be re-homed.

Glass to be talk subject

A FORMER glassworks in Smethwick is the subject of a talk in Dudley next week.

Sarah Chubb is the guest speaker for Dudley History Society's last meeting, which is held on Thursday (17) at Dudley Library, on St James's Road.

Her talk, titled Chance Glass, starts at 7.15pm and non-group members can pay £1 to attend. Call 01902 341885 for more information.

Birth unit turning away mums from out of town

MOTHERS-TO-BE are being turned away from Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital because midwives cannot cope with demand.

Russells Hall Hospital has told GPs that it will start to limit the number of applications from women who want to have their babies there as staff are already under too much pressure.

Hospital bosses said there had been an increase in the number of women applying because of the department's fine reputation.

They expect to turn away 200 people from outside Dudley over the course of the year.

Chief executive Paula Clark apologised to any mother who had been disappointed.

One man, whose wife is 10 weeks pregnant with their third child, said he found the decision ludicrous.

"We requested Russells Hall as we had our other two children there and we know it's good," said the 33-year-old, from Coseley.

"But our midwife said they were not allowing any more referrals and told us we should complain. She thought it was ludicrous too."

The couple have been forced to apply to Wolverhampton's New Cross Hospital, which is much further from the father's workplace in Brerley Hill.

He added: "What really annoys me is last year the NHS was singing about people choosing where they are treated."

Mrs Clark said neighbouring trusts, including Wolverhampton and Sandwell, had been informed of the decision.

She added: "We have limited space in terms of delivery rooms and are reaching our capacity."

"Our first obligation is to continue providing a safe high quality service to our patients and by limiting the geographical area from which we draw referrals we believe we can do this."

NHS Dudley said Dudley Primary Care Trust was now reviewing services.

Land on market

LAND in Cradley Heath and Rowley Regis is being auctioned. The guide price of a 0.27-acre plot off Albut Street, Cradley Heath, is £75,000 and a 3.3-acre site near Bury Hill Park, in Rowley Regis, has a guide price of £13,000. The auction is at Villa Park at 11am on Friday.

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First step towards £30m college



Director of learning Bob Chapman, director of estates Steve Johnson, architect Nick Allen, front, construction manager Martin Fahy, college principal Lowell Williams, and the senior project manager Patrick Homer at the new site

THE first spades of soil have been turned at the site of Dudley College's new multi-million-pound vocational centre.

A former fire station in Lower Street is being transformed as part of a £30m town centre campus development.

College principal Lowell Williams joined staff from Birmingham building contractor ISG and architectural engineering firm Pick Everard to celebrate the start of construction work.

Tourism

Mr Williams said the project was "testament" to the hard work of staff in bringing the scheme to fruition.

The town's old fire station has been cleared, but the historic facade is being retained in the design.

Work on the vocational centre, which will provide training in sport, tourism, public services, beauty and arts, is anticipated to take around 18 months.

The college is now working on revised plans for its sixth form centre.

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Project unchains links to the past



Celebrating the success of the Cradley Heritage Project is project leader Harry Bloomer with chain-maker Annette Bradley

HISTORY enthusiasts have marked the success and completion of the Cradley Heritage Project which has introduced a new generation to the Black Country's industrial past.

In the summer of 2009 the Heritage Lottery Fund awarded £49,700 to the Cradley Then and Now Group to help them record Black Country history.

Over a 15 month period a series of events and projects were funded to introduce and educate members of the community about the area's industrial heritage.

At the celebratory evening the Cradley community were shown artefacts, photographs and film which depicts the history of town.

Harry Bloomer, Cradley Then and Now Project leader, said: "It has been a huge success."

The project included an exhibition at the Black Country Living Museum, visits to schools and the production of three DVDs. The heritage project has also used the funding to revamp the Cradley Trail.

Over-50s ride for happiness

OVER-50s are being encouraged to spring into action and get on their bikes.

Age UK Dudley's Get Cycling for 50 Plus aims to persuade people to ride along towpaths, cycle-ways and quiet lanes to be healthier and happier.

Its spring programme has a number of rides, and participants do not need to be experienced.

Each session will have qualified Cycling Support Riders to make sure all newcomers feel welcome and that nobody is riding further than they wish.

The March to May programme covers a variety of locations, giving cyclists a chance to explore the local

countryside. Each ride lasts up to two hours, and support riders will be on hand to take shorter rides with anyone who wishes to turn back.

Project co-ordinator Maggie Thompson said: "There are so many health benefits, it reduces the likelihood of life-threatening diseases."

Initial sessions include a cycle check and assessment of the rider's skill level in areas with very little traffic.

Bikes can be hired from City Can Cycle or Dudley Council's road safety department.

For details, email leap over60@ageukdudley.org.uk or call 01384 343535.

What a waste! Oil is poured down drain

A NEW government poll has revealed people across Dudley are disposing of cooking oils incorrectly, causing damage to drains and watercourses.

The YouGov poll has highlighted that 37 per cent of people aged 18 to 44 in the borough are still tipping cooking oil down the drain or sink.

This is despite having a three specialist recycling tanks in or around the borough that collected more than 2,500 litres last year.

As well as wasting a valuable

resource, which can now be turned into clean electricity, disposing of oil in this way can cause severe damage to drainage systems.

Ian Collins, of Living Fuels, which operates a network of collection tanks throughout the West Midlands, said: "It's shocking that after all the public information campaigns householders' favourite method of vegetable oil disposal is tipping it down the kitchen sink."

"It's those aged 45 and

over who are most likely to make the trip to the tip with their waste oil."

"They are the recycling stars because those tanks turn waste vegetable oil into electricity and heat."

"You'd have thought the younger age groups would be keener recyclers because they're more likely to have been formally educated as to why it's the right thing to do environmentally."

To find the nearest civic amenity to recycle your cooking oil, visit www.livingfuels.co.uk.

Business couple in £122k benefit fiddle

A DUDLEY couple who ran successful motor businesses while claiming £122,000 benefits have been jailed.

Judge Michael Challinor said Emma Crumpton and David Evans had run a "cynical, sophisticated, deliberate, consistent, well-concealed" scam for more than 11 years.

Crumpton, aged 35, of Tipton Road, admitted two charges of fraud and one of cheating the public purse by claiming incapacity benefit while she was running her own company from July

1997 to January 2009. She received £74,995 in benefits she should not have had, and was sentenced to 21 months behind bars.

Alcohol

She claimed she had been pressured into committing the crime.

Evans, 58, who lived at the same address, pleaded guilty to one charge relating to incapacity benefit, claiming £47,991 during the same period. He was sent to prison for 12 months.

Judge Challinor, passing

sentence at Wolverhampton Crown Court last week, said: "This offence was the result of greed, and not of any other reason."

The pair set up Castle Motors and Ex-Lease Cars in July 1997, despite starting to claim incapacity benefit in 1994.

Mr Gurdeep Garcha, for Evans, said: "He feels consumed by guilt."

Mr Simon Hanns, defending Crumpton, said she suffered alcohol abuse and would not receive the help she needed in prison.

Labour anger as extra £3.6m in cuts ordered

EXTRA budget cuts of around £3.6 million must be made to Dudley Council's children's services this year on top of £6m already agreed. The department had already resigned itself to losing almost £9m by 2014, with the first £5.8m of savings to be made in the 2011-12 financial year.

But bosses have now revealed that they have been warned of extra pressures on the service as Government cuts continue to bite, increasing the amount to be saved to £12m over the next three years.

Critics on the council labelled it a "slash and burn" attitude to making the budget decisions. Labour's shadow cabinet member for children's services, Councillor Tim Crumpton, said: "This is a disastrous situation, and a very dangerous position for us to be in."

"It seems to me that we are heading back to the Dark Ages. The council will be able to provide only very basic services to those most in need, while everyone else will be left to fend for themselves."

Councillor Crumpton added: "It's important to remember that Dudley Council has actually had very little say in the amount they have to save, it's very much a central Government move."

The savings include more than £2.5m to be taken from Dudley Council's support to schools and improvement programmes.

Teachers

It is thought that the cuts will include scrapping the council's support team of teachers who are sent in to help improve failing schools, along with psychology and welfare services.

"To be told at this late stage that an extra £3m needs to be lost this coming year is disgraceful," Councillor Crumpton said.

"We should be at the stage now where the department knows how much money it has to spend, but that isn't the case thanks to this."

The Conservative-run cabinet member for finance, Councillor David Blood, said that the reduction had come from various grants including the Early Intervention Grant.

Fight for career centres

MORE than 3,000 people have signed petitions protesting about the withdrawal of funding from two Connexions careers advice centres and other community services in Dudley. Two petitions have been handed to Dudley Council protesting against cuts which could mean the closure of the Benefits Shop and a volunteer support team on the Priory estate. Dudley Council will not be renewing its £1.3 million contract with Prospect Services which runs the Connexions centres in Wolverhampton Street, Dudley, and High Street, Stourbridge. The deal runs out on March 31.

More smokers giving up habit

MORE than 1,700 smokers have kicked the habit in Dudley borough over the last few months, new figures show.

Health chiefs say they had all avoided lighting up four weeks after they first decided to quit smoking.

The figures were released ahead of No Smoking Day, which takes place on Thursday, aimed at encouraging more people to kick the habit for good.

They show that between April and December last year a total of 1,729 were listed as four-week quitters after seeking help through

Dudley's Stop Smoking service. During the last full financial year, 2009-2010, there was a record number of quitters in Dudley with 2,611 stopping smoking.

Nationally it is thought that since the smoking ban in public places was introduced in 2007, the number of people quitting has risen.

Health bosses in Dudley arranged a series of events for people to find out more about giving up smoking.

The stop smoking team will be assisting the Cancer UK Awareness Roadshow in Dudley town centre on Thursday and Friday.

Wedding car plea is answered



Owner Robert Hathaway, in the driving seat, with Carole Geary and Robert Baker inside the Bristol 410 and inset, the couple in front of their dream car

A MOTORING fanatic has found the dream car for his wedding after an appeal for help.

Robert Baker, aged 59, of Wall Heath, and his fiancée Carole Geary will have a Bristol 410 at the ceremony this month.

The day will be especially poignant as it was announced last week that the historic firm has gone into administration.

Robert Hathaway, owner of Bell End Farm, Belbroughton, saw an article on Mr Baker's search and offered to help.

Miss Geary, a hairdresser's assistant, will be taken to the Church of Ascension in Wall Heath by Mr Hathaway in the 1968 model.

He also owns a 1955 Bristol 404, which he bought 40 years ago, and

said he "loves the design" of the cars.

Self-employed builder Mr Baker has fantasised about owning a Bristol since he was a boy.

And though he could not afford the £50,000 price tag attached to one, he hoped someone would lend him one for his big day.

He said: "I was so pleased when Robert got in touch. The car will be a real head turner on the day."

Saved

Mr Baker, of Forge Lane, owns an MG RV8, which he bought in Japan for £15,000. He had saved up for years.

He and Miss Geary have known each other for about 25 years and got engaged 18 months ago.

His love affair with the Bristol began when he saw one when he was 10 years

old in Wall Heath. He said: "They are pure luxury and are from a time when cars were individually made."

The 410 dates back the 1960s, and is used in the BBC series The Inspector Lynley Mysteries.

The firm has been hand-building luxury cars since 1946 at its factory in Filton in the north of Bristol. But administrators have been appointed at the company.

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Moggy rescued from tight spot

CURIOSITY almost killed a cat which became trapped in a tiny gap between two houses in Dudley.

The moggy, which had to be rescued by firefighters, spent Wednesday night last week in an incubator to warm him up after he became stuck between two properties in Pebworth Grove, off The Broadway, Dudley.

He may have tried to survive by eating sand and was cold and hungry when a neighbour heard his faint meows.

Firefighters worked for more than an hour to free the tabby which had wedged itself in a six-inch gap between the

garage of a detached house and an extension being built at the semi-detached next door. Dudley fire station crew commander Andy Clay said a chisel was used to take out four bricks and a breeze block from the extension to free him.

He said: "We don't know how long he had been in there but he was quite dehydrated and cold when he came out."

Called

"We were all very pleased he was okay. I am a cat lover myself and when we first saw him he was in quite a predicament so to get him out okay was great."

The RSPCA were called and the cat was taken to Black's Vets in Hall Street, Dudley.

Nurse Emma Adams said

they did not know who the owners were yet as the cat. She added: "He was very cold and hungry. We have got him in the incubator as when we first took his temperature there was no reading."

"He had lots of sand in his mouth as well, I don't know if he was trying to eat it."

Residents have now blocked up the gap.

Meanwhile, a dog in Stourbridge helped raise the alarm after a fire in a shed in Stourbridge.

Firefighters say the blaze on Cecil Street could have been started among coal inside the shed.

Retired teacher Richard Copley, aged 71, said: "I woke up and the neighbour was hammering on the door. She

told me there was a fire, I went outside and the shed was alight. Flames were going through the roof."

"I was really lucky that the dog had woken my neighbours, it has probably saved my life."

"If it was just a bit longer the whole house could have gone up. I am very grateful."

Barking

Stourbridge fire station crew commander Pete Walters added: "Luckily the neighbours dog started barking at 2am, the owner got up and alerted their neighbour what was going on and called us."

Anyone with information on the missing cat can call Black's Vets on 01384 252 509.



Veterinary nurses Emma Adams and Sarah Rudge with the cat that had to be rescued after getting stuck between two houses

Alan all set for peak return

A WARDEN at Himley Park is preparing for a tough shift when he tackles Mount Blanc for the second time to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

Alan Peace, from Wombourne, will set off for the Alps on June 26, to mark his 65th birthday.

His previous attempt in 2009 was cut short only a few hundred metres from the summit when his group was beaten back by 'white out' blizzard conditions.

Over the past six years he has raised in excess of £30,000 for the charity, following the death of his wife, Joan, to the disease in 2004.

He was named as Cancer Research UK's Ambassador of the Year in 2009 as well as receiving an Express & Star Local Heroes award.

Fulfilling

Alan, who has been climbing for 50 years, said: "I have some unfinished business with this particular mountain."

"To have continued back in 2009 would have been far too dangerous."

He added: "As well as fulfilling a personal ambition of mine, I also want to raise funds for Cancer Research UK to enable the charity to continue its vital work into researching the causes and treatments for an evil illness."

Alan who remarried in October last year has the full support of his wife, Debbie.

To support him contact Alan on 01902 895207, or donate on-line at www.justgiving.com/AlanPeace

Dig in to help tree planting

YOUNG and old can get to grips with nature at a tree planting session to be held in Halesowen on Saturday.

It will take place at The Leasowes, Mucklow Hill, between 10am and noon and a mixture of oak, hazel and sweet chestnut will be planted. It is free to attend but booking is essential, call 01384 814642.

Play tickets

TICKETS remain for the play Natural Causes at Oakfield Centre, Brettell Lane, Ambleside, Stourbridge, from next Wednesday. Call 01384 394349 for tickets to see the Community Players.

Waste warning sent out to firms

SEVERN Trent Water has warned it will crack-down on companies breaking the law after prosecuting a Rowley Regis metal treatment firm for dumping contaminated waste down a sewer without permission.

Stephen Gould, director and owner of Decma Limited, which operates from Titford Lane, White Heath, admitted the charge at Warley Magistrates' Court.

He was fined £1,000 with prosecution costs of £3,427 and a victim surcharge of £15.

The charges related to the firm's previous second home on Thornleigh Trading Estate, Blowers Green Road, Dudley.

Limits

Analysts found the waste contained chromium, copper, nickel and zinc.

Simon Cocks, waste water services director for Severn Trent Water, said it needed to crack-down on those who dumped contaminated waste without consent.

He said: "The limits we set to regulate trade discharges are calculated to ensure they do not adversely affect the capacity of our sewage works to efficiently treat sewage, so exceeding this consent is not only illegal; it can also damage the sewage treatment process and so risk causing harm to the environment."

Decma has since closed its Dudley plant.

Val's labour of love tells story of town's war dead



Val Worwood and her helpers at the war memorial

THE stories of 25 Dudley men who died during the Second World War are brought to life in a new book compiled by a woman who tracked down and interviewed as many of their relatives and friends as she could find.

Val Worwood, helped by a cousin, Mike Smith, from Stourbridge Road, Holly Hall, Dudley, and various other friends in the community, has produced Holly Hall Heroes Remembered, described as the story of the men named on a war memorial.

The 67-year-old widow, a mother of three and grandmother of six, hopes she will find a publisher so that her labour of love can be given to relatives of the fallen and sold to raise money for the Help for Heroes charity in aid of injured servicemen and women.

She began "knocking on doors" to research the Second World War Heroes in 2008 and has now completed the book.

Destroyer

It has many contributions from friends, packed with photos of those who died as well as some of their loved ones and accounts of life in the area at the time.

It tells of how, in 1998, James Grainger, of Holly Hall, launched a campaign to have a plaque made for the war memorial in the grounds of St Augustine's Church to bear the 25 names of town men killed in the 1939-45 conflict.

The plaque was finally unveiled after a memorial service in June last year.

"I wanted to show that these were not just names on a memorial - they were all somebody's husband, son, brother or friend," said Val, of Barratts Croft, Lower Gornal, Dudley.

"It is important that faces should be



John Davies, who is buried in Italy, and George Davies, who was killed when HMS Tempest was hit by a depth charge, and John's sister Nellie

put to names of those who lost their lives so that the community knows the sacrifice those young lads made."

Among the fallen featured in the book Holly Hall Heroes Remembered is Stoker (2nd Class) George Davies, who was born in 1922, and whose family home was in Cochrane Road, Woodside, Dudley.

George became a crew member of the submarine HMS Tempest.

During his final shore leave, he spent time with his school friend Gladys Meese, telling her how dangerous his missions were and asking her never to tell his mother of the peril he faced.

The 19-year-old was killed when the Tempest was hit by depth charges fired by the Italian destroyer Circe in the Gulf of Taranto on February 23, 1942.

Gladys Meese - whose married name is Gilkes - aged 86, of Cleve Road, Holly Hall, said: "What Val has done is absolutely beautiful. Nobody could have done a better job."

As George's family mourned his death, they received a telegram reporting that his cousin, Private John

Davies, known to his friends as Jack, who was serving in the 5th Battalion the Hampshire Regiment, was missing in action.

A letter dated April 6, 1944, confirmed their worst fears - he had been killed the previous October, aged 23, and his body had been found in the central Mediterranean area.

He was buried in Miturno war cemetery near Naples, Italy.

Community

Jack's sister Nellie, whose married name is Reece, aged 81, of Foxglove Road, Wrens Nest, said: "I had just left school at 14 when we heard that he had been killed and it was a shock."

"He was my parents' only son and it hit the family hard."

"Val has done a marvellous job and I am looking forward to reading the book. I'm proud of her for what she's done."

In November an exhibition of the photos collected by Val and her friends was held at Woodside Community Centre, raising £200 on behalf of Help for Heroes.

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'I'm not bitter' says badly injured victim of horrific road accident

A young Newport mother, left with multiple injuries following a horrific car smash, says she bears no ill will against the car driver who caused the crash.

"I'm just very sorry for the man. There was no reason for what happened," said the 24-year-old Tracey Jones, who is still battling against disability and needs around-the-clock care.

Doctors say it will take two years before Mrs Jones, of Vineyard Road, makes any significant progress. And her husband Keith has now had to give up his job to look after his wife and family.

Mrs Jones suffered two broken legs, a broken hip, a broken arm, a smashed knee and needed more than 100 stitches after a car veered onto the wrong side of the road and ploughed into her Cavalier, at Wood Lane, Hinestock, in October.

Judy stands by her poll tax remark

A leading Newport Conservative councillor has branded poll tax non-payers no better than "shop lifters."

And now Newport Liberal Democrat fellow councillors are backing the gist of her controversial remarks.

Councillor Judy Allen made her comment during a heated Wrekin Council meeting on Wednesday when next year's poll tax was increased to nearly £428.

Amid rowdy scenes, Councillor Allen, shouting to make herself heard above protests from the public gallery, compared poll tax defaulters to shoplifters.

"I see no difference between shoplifting and refusing to pay for services these people take every time their dustbins are emptied," she said.

Centre closure sadness

A Newport day centre for elderly people who suffer from mental health problems will close later this month. Shropshire County Council's decision will place more stress on families and more strain on voluntary care services – and the situation is only going to get worse warn care agencies.

The closure of the Newport centre is a result of county-council cost cutting. Assistant economic development officer David Evans, said: "In one year our money has been cut from £1m to just over half that and it is the social services who will have to pick up the pieces."

Couple's praise for hospice fund-raiser

A Church Aston woman has been praised for her dedication to raising funds for a children's hospice in

Twenty Years Ago

Shropshire. Pauline Vokes is the Newport area contact for the Hope House appeal which is raising money to build a children's hospice in Shropshire.

In three months she has raised nearly £2,000 – and won the admiration of the founders of the appeal, Shrewsbury couple Caroline and Roger Peachy.

When the Peachy's daughter, Hope, died after a long illness, they realised there was a need in Shropshire for a hospice for sick children and their families who need advice.

They are hoping to establish a solid fundraising base before officially launching the appeal, and it is people like Pauline who are making this possible.

School farewell to trio

Staff and pupils at Newport's Girls High School have paid tribute to three of their longest serving members of staff who have retired.

The women, Violet Atkins and Muriel Hilditch, both dining supervisors, and Mary James, a cleaner, have a combined service of nearly 60 years in the school.

Mrs Atkins and Mrs Hilditch each received a Caithness vase in recognition of the 20 years spent at the school. Mrs James received a framed picture of the old Newport Railway Station, which was near her old home.

Headmistress Margaret Mantripp, said: "All these ladies have been extremely loyal, always interested and very helpful.

"We are sad that they are going and wish them all the best. We don't like to see anyone so good leaving us."

Codswallop jibe in wake of vandalism

Vandals who caused more than £400 worth of damage to trees planted at Tern Valley Business Park have been condemned. But a suggestion that the culprit could have been a vindictive resident has been described as "a load of codswallop."

Around 20 semi-mature trees were bent over and snapped in half by vandals who wreaked havoc among the frontline planting.

Shropshire County Council, which manages the site, has described the incident as "wanton vandalism."

Get that brook cleared

A Pipe Gate landowner will have 14 days to clear a brook before the parish council get the job done and charge him for it, it has been decided. Woore Parish Council wrote to coal merchant Roger Meakin in Feb-

ruary after a meeting where councillors heard that the brook behind the old creamery at Pipe Gate had flooded because it had not been properly maintained.

But Mr Meakin claimed that he had already cleared the brook before the letter from the council arrived. He said: "I didn't think the council's letter was pressuring me to clear the brook but I thought if it was causing problems, I would do it anyway."

Little Mark goes back to Hungary

A Stoke-on-Tern youngster who has cerebral palsy is currently making his second visit to the world famous Peto Institute in Hungary.

Six-year-old Mark Hitchen of Dutton Close flew to Hungary with his father, Russell, last week for a month-long visit to the centre for conductive education.

The trip has been paid for out of a fund supported by well-wishers, many from the Market Drayton area. Mark made good progress during his first visit to Peto last summer and has been invited back again.

Club is bowled out by complaints

An official of Hinestock Cricket Club is stumped by reports of complaints about the club's attitude.

The complaints were bowled at this week's meeting of Hinestock Parish Council where members heard that the club had upset some people over damage caused by cricket balls.

Club secretary Kevin Brailsford said he was not aware of any official complaints from residents living nearby but added that newcomers ought to have realised the problems of living so close to a cricket pitch before moving in.

Most people are very sympathetic and realise the problems when they buy their house," he said.

Big Ted is "bear-napped"

A Cheswardine pub landlord has organised a guess the weight of the teddy bear competition with a difference. But the five-foot high, 57-inch waist teddy, which was to be auctioned for Market Drayton's Cottage Hospital, was "bear-napped" from the Fox and Hounds last week with a £500 ransom.

Landlord Dave Logan has arranged a whisky prize for anyone who guesses the bear's weight in its absence.

Thirty Years Ago

Lilleshall Girl Wins Blue Peter Studio Trip Prize

A Lilleshall schoolgirl won a trip of a lifetime when she toured the Blue Peter TV studios in London.

Eight-year-old Cathy Hullins won the prize after she entered a competition in the Blue Peter annual.

She had to identify the eyes of children's programme presenters and there were only 74 successful entries from 8,000 hopefuls.

Prize winners watched the team rehearse how to use a zoom lens with help from a BBC cameraman.

Pool "Not Unsafe" – Mayor

Newport swimming pool is not in danger of falling down despite proposed major improvements to it being shelved, Newport's Mayor, Councillor Walter Harding, told the town council.

He said a lot of people had the wrong impression the baths' structure was in a dangerous state. Necessary repair work would be carried out now that Wrekin District Council's improvements scheme had been deferred.

"And I can't see any reason why the planned project should not go ahead in 1982-3," he added.

Hard Times Ahead, says LVA Chief

A Market Drayton publican's leader has bitterly attacked the Budget drink price rises.

"I feel my members are going to have a very difficult time of it," said Jim Radcliffe, chairman of the Market Drayton branch of the Licensed Victuallers' Association.

He said his own budget would fall by about £1,000 as a direct result of the Budget.

Beer is expected to rise by about four pence per pint and Mr Radcliffe said unusually spirits were 10p cheaper than beer.

"Of course we are always the targets, aren't we? Every Government seems to clobber us."

I had the area manager in here this morning, he has closed down five pubs this month."

Chips With Everything for Pupils – But It's Their Choice:

Burton Borough pupils can now have chips with everything thanks to the new cash cafeteria system of school dinners.

The days of meat and veg meals are over as now it's pizzas, ravioli and beef burgers while semolina has been replaced by trifle, yoghurt and ice cream.

Traditional custard however is still on offer.

As part of county policy the new system will soon be operating throughout Shropshire secondary schools.

Andrew Delamere from 5RW, said: "The standard of the meals has improved and was much better than before."

"It would be nice if the cafeteria was open at break times for coffee as we can only buy crisps."

Soldiers Back From Ulster

Members of the 1st Battalion, Queens Lancashire Regiment, who have been on a tour of Northern Ireland, are returning to Clive Barracks, Tern Hill, today.

A small advance party returned home from South Armagh on Monday and the remainder of the regiment is due in from Liverpool this morning.

Their stay is likely to be just long enough for the soldiers to stow their kit, take part in a thanks-giving service at the barracks, and then head back to Lancashire on three weeks' leave.

Group Has Eyes On Rock Title

Grove School sixth formers are going to the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology next week... to study music.

Two coach loads will be following the Grove rock band Mono Vision to the regional finals of the Trustee Savings Bank schools rock band competition. If the group is successful then they will move into the national finals.

Mr Brian Ford, of Market Drayton Youth Leisure Committee, has offered his services as a "roadie" for the day.



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Des is facing up to losing prize beard



Des Weaver and his wife, Eunice, who is happy his beard will soon be cut off to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital and the British Lung Foundation

HE HAS been growing it for more than 14 months.

However, in a few weeks' time Des Weaver, from Cradley Heath, will be shaving his precious beard off for two good causes.

The grandfather, a retired electrician, is trying to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital and the British Lung Foundation.

He aims to cut the beard, which is about 10in long, when he turns 69 on March 22.

"I have had so much fun growing it," he said.

"People stop me in the street and say 'goodness gracious it must have taken years to have grown that'. They can't believe it's taken just 14 months.

"I look pretty gruesome because I have let my hair grow as well. People say I look like Uncle Albert from Only Fools and Horses."

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Mr Weaver, a father-of-four from The Mount, started to grow the beard last January and decided that it would be a good way to make some money for charity after a friend offered him money to get rid of it.

"I got up on New Year's Day and I thought 'no' I am not having a shave today," he said. "And it just went from there."

"Adrian Chiles was growing a beard for his New Year's resolution and I thought if he is going to do it, I will as well."

"He got rid of his a few weeks later but I am still going strong - for now at least."

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Schools say No to one in ten children

AROUND one in 10 children in Dudley will miss out on their first choice secondary school this year.

Hundreds of thousands of children in the country have discovered which school they have been allocated for this September as part of National Offers Day.

Across the borough around 391 students missed out on a place at their first-choice school this September (2011), with 88 per cent submitting successful applications out of a total of 3,262 students.

The percentage of successful applications was down on last year.

Around 90 per cent of children were offered their first choice school last September out of 3,394.

In Sandwell, 1,010 missed out on their first choice school, with 73 per cent submitting successful applications. Around 3,741 youngsters applied in total.

Last year, 72 per cent of youngsters in the borough got their first choice of secondary school.

Talk on heroes

MAX Keen will be speaking on The Anglo Zulu War of 1879 at Stourbridge Historical Society. His talk on March 17 will feature the stories of two heroes from Kingswinford and Brierley Hill who both won the Victoria Cross. It takes place at 7.30pm in the Ambleside Room of Stourbridge Town Hall.

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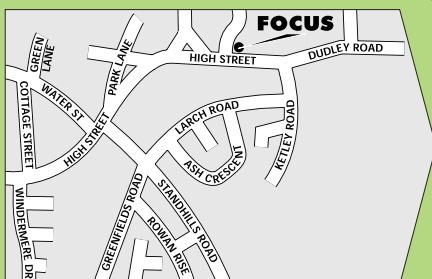


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Jail for needle-threat man on shoplift spree

Puzzling how to save church

A BOOK of Black Country brainteasers has been launched to test residents' knowledge, and raise funds for the restoration of a Dudley church.

St John's Church Preservation Group hopes the book will bring in £1,000 for the historic place of worship in Kates Hill. Volunteers launched it was by at their stall in Dudley Market, with copies selling at 50p each. More than 100 copies were sold during the day.

The group hopes the puzzle book, which has been compiled by Chris and Gail Smith, of community magazine Village Voice.

It has been backed by businesses in the community.

The group has been battling to save the church, which closed in 2002 due to safety fears, and this year celebrated the first phase of restoration work getting underway.

Trust chairman Deb Brownlee said: "This collaboration of businesses and the magazine shows the strength of feeling about saving the church."

"St John's can be saved and it's local people and businesses who will do it".



Deb Brownlee tests her local knowledge with help from Michael Amor-Wilkes, Chris Smith who compiled the Brainteasers book, and Tony Timmins

A PROLIFIC thief who held a needle to the neck of a teenage Black Country supermarket worker and threatened to stab him has been sentenced to 48 weeks in prison.

Andrew Rose held the hypodermic needle 6in away from the neck of 17-year-old store assistant David Clift at Blackheath's Iceland, after pulling the protective tip off with his mouth, Warley Magistrates' Court heard.

The 24-year-old threatened to stab Mr Clift if he tried to stop him stealing five packets of bacon from the store.

He also threatened a female security worker at Sainsbury's, Blackheath, with a needle and bit a worker at Wilkinson, Blackheath, who tried to chase him.

Rose confronted the Sainsbury's worker after she chased him from the store for taking a bottle of Baileys liqueur.

The Wilkinson worker was bitten as he tried to stop Rose stealing Nivea gift sets.

Rose pleaded guilty earlier this month to three counts of theft from a shop and two counts of common assault.

'Horrific'

Appearing at court last week, he pleaded guilty to a further eight thefts and another common assault, to include the biting in Wilkinson on December 4.

Miss Kelly Hales, prosecuting, said the extra charges showed Rose went on a "shoplifting spree" from November 22 to December 4. She said: "He assaulted a number of staff at the locations, the offences were particularly horrific when you consider he threatened people with a hypodermic needle."

The spree included six hits on Co-op, Manor Lane, Halesowen, where he stole 13 bottles of whisky worth £241.34 and meat worth £76.89. There were two further thefts from Wilkinson, Blackheath, the court heard.

Mr Parns Hayre, defending, said the spree came after Rose's brother and grandmother died and his mother was injured by a car.

Passing sentence, chairman of the bench Mrs Karen Chater said she had taken Rose's early guilty plea into consideration. He received two consecutive jail terms of 24 weeks and two concurrent ones.

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John Brown managing director, centre, pictured with the Merry Hill Windows Team, based in Delph Road, Brierley Hill



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THE boss of a Cradley Heath firm said to have lost thousands of pounds after suffering three power cuts within a week has been told it is "just one of those things".

Central Networks said that Reddifast Steels Ltd, in Stourdale Road, was "unlucky" to have been affected so frequently and stressed there is no permanent problem with the network. But managing director Rod Laight said the

company has lost up to £10,000 during each power cut.

Workers at the metal processing plant had to be sent home at 2pm on Thursday, February 24, 2pm the following day and 3.40pm on Monday, February 28, when power failed.

Jonathan Smith at Central Networks said the company had been unlucky. He said: "All three power cuts were under-

ground cable faults on different parts of the network. Unfortunately it is just one of those things."

A Wednesbury firm Interia said it, too, was losing thousands of pounds because of power outages.

The IT firm, which sells kitchen and bathroom suites online, says it has regular power failures at sites in Portway Road, Holyhead Road and Potters Lane.

Drivers fined for hospital parking

MORE than 900 motorists have been fined for parking illegally on roads near Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital in the past 12 months.

The figures have been released weeks after Dudley Council pledged to tackle the "parking nightmare" on roads surrounding the hospital.

Nearly residents complain that staff from the hospital continue to clog surrounding streets with cars, despite a £6 million, 691-space car park opening.

More car parking spaces could

now be created for staff. Managers are assessing how many permits they can issue for the 1,123 spaces at the hospital.

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "The trust is constantly reviewing the number of parking spaces available at Russells Hall Hospital."

"If the need arises we wouldn't rule out applying for planning permission for further spaces."

During the last 12 months there have been 720 tickets issued to drivers on Pensnett High

Street, 187 on Pensnett Road and 39 in Bushey Fields Road.

Fines issues are either £50 or £70 depending on the offence but are reduced by 50 per cent if paid within 14 days.

The council is to consult residents about alternative proposals to deter motorists from overflowing out of the hospital to park in nearby streets.

Officials are asking for views on proposals for restricted access to Pearce Close, Dereton Close, Abbotford Drive and Elgar Crescent.

Staff raise £10,000 for charity

A LAW firm has raised more than £10,000 for a special needs support group.

Higgs & Sons, based at the Waterfront, Brierley Hill, raised the cash last year for the Wombourne-based Wings charity.

The charity provides social opportunities for disabled children and their families, running evening, weekend and holiday activities.

During the past year, staff at the firm staged fund-raising events including a quiz and exercise bike ride.

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NEW ALBUMS

Streetwise diva makes her debut

Jessie J - Who You Are
ESSEX'S answer to Rihanna and Pink, Jessie 'J' Cornish, hits the big time in her own right with this album, after writing hits for others, including Miley Cyrus's Party in the USA.

You will, in all probability, be very familiar with Price Tag by now and it is one of several contenders to make this Brit winner the biggest new star of the year. Her brand of sassy streetwise diva pop is right on the money and exactly the kind of pop that makes big money now. She's doing it, dude.

Jessie J also has a gig in Birmingham next month, at the O2 Academy on April 2.

Glee - The Music, The Rocky Horror Glee Show - Glee Cast

Another mini-album with tracks for a special themed episode of the hit American TV musical drama. Now in season two, Glee the juggernaut sees no signs of slowing but

this, and the paltry Christmas album, do raise quality control issues.

The songs are done pretty faithfully to Richard O'Brien's originals but having a non-drag Frank N Furter (only Amber 'Mercedes' Riley had lungs big enough for the job) undermines the entire venture, and John 'Carl' Stamos can't hold a candle to Meat Loaf's original version of Whatever Happened To Saturday Night? Pity they can't do the Time Warp and rethink this one.

Good Ol' Fashioned Love - The Overtones

Bland but pleasant harmonious pop-rock 'n' roll from a group of five men who were 'discovered' when working as painters and decorators on London's Oxford Street. Includes such doo-wop favourites as Sh'boom and Why Do Teenagers Fall In Love? The Overtones follow this debut album with a tour include a gig at Birmingham's HIV Institute 'Library' room on March 25.

Let England Shake - PJ Harvey

War, what is it good for - absolutely nothing. A case made over and over again by Dorset's Polly Harvey in her collection of songs dealing with soldiering and Britain's military past (and present).

Rock and antiquated instruments are featured on songs that sometimes, at their best, have the feel of ages old folk ballads. Her songs are not about a home for heroes but remember that apparently peaceful landscapes were once drenched in blood.

Images from the trenches are conjured, sometimes in gory detail, with the most memorable being that of a soldier's corpse hanging on barbed wire.

From Gallipoli to Helmand, it goes on and on even if, as she quotes from Eddie Cochran, you take your problem to the United Nations.

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Above: Jessie J and (right) The Overtones

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Patrolling soldiers find weapons cache

A stash of Taliban weapons has been uncovered by Shropshire-based soldiers on patrol in Afghanistan, defence chiefs have revealed.

The haul, which included rocket-propelled grenades, explosive devices and five magazines of AK47 bullets, was discovered by soldiers from 1st Battalion the Royal Irish Regiment, based at Tern Hill, near Market Drayton. The discovery means the weapons can now never be turned against British forces or the Afghan people.

The weapons cache was found during a patrol in the Nawabad area of Helmand province.

The regiment's combined force reconnaissance group, known as Wildcat 10, was deployed on operations when it discovered the cache.

The commander Captain Ben Davis was leading the patrol when he was tipped off about a weapons hide which it was initially thought included four RPG warheads.

Following searches in possible insurgent locations, Wildcat 10 then searched a walled poppy garden to the east of the target area.

The initial find of the four RPG warheads was confirmed and Captain Davis then made the decision to rummage through the rest of the compound.

After several hours a cache of weapons was unearthed. These included 10 RPG warheads, grenades, nearly 1,000 bullet rounds, armour-piercing rounds and parts used to make improvised explosive devices.

Throughout the operation Afghan National Police were involved in cordoning off the weapons cache to deter any unwanted insurgent attention, defence chiefs said.

Captain Davis said: "The weapons and ammunition that were recovered will undoubtedly have saved the lives of Afghan and ISAF forces, and the amount that was recovered would have provided an extremely heavy weight of fire for the Taliban."

Staff Sergeant Yusef Mohammed, Afghan police representative, said: "It is very good that these weapons are now out of the hands of the Taliban as their supply chain will now be tested."



The cache of Taliban weapons found in Afghanistan by soldiers from the 1st Battalion of the Royal Irish Regiment.



Pell Wall Hall near Market Drayton

Mansion revamp plans submitted

A ruined mansion was this week today a step closer to being fully restored after its new owner submitted detailed plans for its renovation.

Grade II-listed Pell Wall Hall, near Market Drayton, was gutted by fire in 1986 and has stood as an empty shell ever since.

The forgotten architectural gem, designed by acclaimed architect Sir John Soane, has been snapped up by Bernard Goodwin, of Hankelow, near Market Drayton.

Mr Goodwin has applied for listed building consent to restore the building in line with Soane's original drawings.

Last year he completed a £580,000 deal to buy the early 19th century country house, which is set in four acres.

The plan includes cleaning the outside, re-laying flooring in the basement, restoring a ceiling in the first floor ladies' dressing room and fitting a new kitchen. The work would also include restoring the study of Purney Sillitoe, the businessman who commissioned Soane to build the hall in 1822.

In a statement submitted to planners, Mr Goodwin said his intentions are: "To restore Pell Wall Hall to its original Soanian spirit and splendour as a private house."

The application is for the "first phase" of the restoration, which Mr Goodwin believes could take between five and 10 years to complete.

Shropshire Council will decide on a picture of Pell Wall Hall in its heyday the application in the coming weeks.

Concert in aid of charity

People in Market Drayton are being encouraged to support a concert in aid of Cancer Research UK this month.

Music for Living featuring the Faults Singers, which includes members from Market Drayton, takes place at Whitchurch Leisure Centre on March 19 at 7.30pm.

The concert also features the Kelsborrow Choir from Chester and the Shrewsbury Light Orchestra who will be performing music by Abba, The Beatles and Sting.

Cyril Dodd from Market Drayton, one of the organisers, said: "Two or three people from the Faults Singers who have been affected by cancer decided to have an event to raise as much money as possible for Cancer Research UK."

"They include the chairman of our organising committee, Alan Hibbert, who has been the driving force in organising this concert."

"It will be a concert of popular music sung by 100 voices from the two choirs, supported by a 40-strong orchestra."

"Our target is to have an audience of 400 at the concert and we've been fortunate to receive some donations from local businesses, including Muller Dairy and Paethorpes."

"The idea is to get as much interest as possible in the concert from people in Market Drayton and to sell as many tickets as we can."

Tickets are £10 and available from the Cancer Research UK shop in High Street or Cyril on 07774 623262.

Poker tournaments at Royal Victoria Hotel

Poker players in Newport are invited to take part in monthly tournaments in the Royal Victoria Hotel.

Once a month the hotel is holding a poker evening in the function room.

Willing players do not need any experience in the game.

Sue Armour, who runs the hotel, is now asking for more people to get involved.

She said: "We play a very friendly game encouraging new members with little or no experience. Last time we played it was definitely a house affair because I took the overall winners position which surprised some of the blokes."

"The next poker game will be held on Wednesday, March 30, with registration being at 6.30pm for a 7pm start."

"Everyone is welcome to come along."

For details, call Sue on 01952 811546.

Police warning: do not be fooled by 'gold' offer

Police in Market Drayton have issued a warning not to become involved with strangers either offering "gold" jewellery for sale or showing an interest in buying it.

The warning following a series of incidents where people in the county have been approached. In several cases, items of genuine jewellery have been stolen from those approached.

Detective Inspector Sarah Wagstaff said: "There were three incidents in the county on Friday and another on Saturday which we believe are probably linked."

"In the past, we have received similar reports where 'gold' jewellery has been offered for sale at very low prices. Usually, the items are not gold but brass or some other kind of metal."

"But in these recent cases, there appears to be an element of distraction where the strangers attempt to persuade people to part with items."

"They may initially offer 'gold' items but this appears to be a ruse to get people to part with their own jewellery."

"We would always advise people not to handover any money in these circumstances and to report the matter to the police on 0300 333 3000. If it sounds too good to be true it usually is, so don't be tempted."

Fashion showcase for Mother's Day

Fancy seeing the latest styles for spring/summer and having a girl's night out all in the name of charity?

Doll, the independent fashion and accessory store in Market Drayton, will be holding a Mother's Day fashion show on Friday, April 1, along with other small businesses from the town in aid of the British Legion's Benevolent Fund.

The event will take place at the British Legion Club in Market Drayton and will see Doll put on a fashion showcase of looks from their shop's spring/summer range.

Joining Doll on the night will be a variety of local businesses to offer some girly treats, just in time for Mother's Day.

The Ivy Suite will be on hand for nail treatments and arm massages, Lowery's hairdressers will be there with high quality hair products and Telford based Mozzypop Jewels will be selling their jewellery.

If your mum's got a sweet tooth, Alex Dowse of Crumb's Cakery will be selling a selection of yummy cupcakes.

Sharon Kerry will also have

handmade cards for all occasions.

Lesley Nutty, co-owner of Doll, said "We feel this is a great opportunity to bring together some of the town's brilliant small businesses and raise money for a well deserving charity."

"The British Legion not only looks after serving and ex-serving members of the armed forces but their wives and widows too so the charity seems very fitting. It's shaping up to be a great night where women will be able to come together, enjoy the show and just have a great time."

"All clothes and accessories shown on the catwalk from Doll will be available to purchase on the night and every person who attends will receive a special 10 per cent Mother's Day discount voucher."

The event costs £4 with all proceeds from ticket and raffle sales going to The British Legion Benevolent Fund. Tickets will be available from Doll, Lowery's, The Ivy Suite and also on the night. Doors open at 7pm.

For more information visit www.dollcheshire.co.uk



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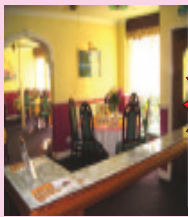
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Artistic contest on road safety

YOUNG artists from Halesowen are being encouraged to stop, look and listen for a school art competition.

Pupils are being urged to get involved with the competition, set up by Scrivens Opticians and The Hearing Company, which teaches children about the importance of using their eyes and ears when walking close to, or crossing, a road.

Entrants are required to submit a colourful poster illustrating what they

have learned about the stop, look and listen rule, to be in with the chance of winning £50 worth of book tokens for their school, and a £50 Scrivens Opticians voucher.

The winner will be announced in May to coincide with National Walk to School Week. Any school wishing to take part in the competition can email emavv@willoughby-pr.co.uk for an entry pack. All designs must be submitted by next Friday, March 17.

Fire-hit publican faces £50,000 bill

THE landlord of a Dudley pub damaged in an arson attack faces a £50,000 bill to get back in business.

The bar area at the Hope Tavern, in Cinder Bank, Netherton, was badly burned and it could be closed for up to a month.

Landlord Dimmy Sangha says he will give a reward to anyone who provides information that leads to the conviction of the culprits.

Arsonists broke a window and threw a burning object into the bar at around 3am on Tuesday of last week.

Mr Sangha believes the attack was fuelled by "jealousy", but the 39-year-old said he is "determined to bounce back".

Automatic

The pub reopened in December 2009 after a major refurbishment. Mr Sangha bought it from Wolverhampton-based Marston's brewery after it had been shut for three years.

He believes up to £50,000 will need to be spent on the bar area, which must be gutted and re-decorated.

Mr Sangha said: "It is heart wrenching to see what has happened to my pub after we put so much effort in.

"Everything inside was new - we've built up a good business here and it seems like someone was jealous of that."

Mr Sangha, who has four chil-



Owner Dimmy Sangha surveys the damage at the Hope Tavern

dren ranging from a two-month old baby to a 15-year-old son, was alerted at his Dudley home in the early hours by a phone call from the firm that runs the automatic fire alarm at the pub.

"I was devastated, I could not believe what I was seeing."

When he arrived, two fire

crews from Cradley Heath were tackling the flames.

Thousand of pounds in trade will be lost while the pub is closed.

Mr Sangha hopes to re-open in a fortnight, but it could be longer. Anyone with information about the fire is urged to call West Midlands Police on 0345 113 5000.

Bosses meet to discuss growth

BUSINESS leaders gathered in Cradley Heath to discuss how to boost the sector in times of hardship.

Black Country and Sandwell chambers of commerce, together with representatives from local firms Runflat International, Hadley Group, NDC Polythene and George Green LLP, met MP James Morris at Westley Plastics, Cradley Heath.

Despite its recent decline, manufacturing remains a key industry in the Black Country, but the 2009 figure of 69,000 manufacturing employees is just half the number of ten years ago.

Innovative

Manufacturing's share of total jobs in the area fell from 29.5 per cent to 16 per cent.

Mr Morris, Tory MP for Halesowen and Rowley Regis, said: "Manufacturing provides many jobs for local people in and around Halesowen and Rowley Regis."

"We must proactively support this industry so we can build on our industrial heritage to develop the manufacturing businesses of the future, creating the jobs and economic growth we need."

A number of issues were discussed at the meeting as to how the industry can be assisted, including innovative ways of increasing the number of apprentices and improving the skills of workers.

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Fundraiser goods taken in raid on club for elderly

YOBS broke in to a club house for the elderly and stole items that would have been sold to raise cash for a holiday.

The stereo system and vacuum cleaner were taken from Darby End Senior Citizens Club in Worcester Road, Netherton, Dudley. And the thieves left a trail of damage behind.

The stolen items had been donated for a nearly-new sale to generate spending money for a holiday to Weston Super-Mare.

The thieves even tore open some birthday cards that had been left for one of the group members to see if there was any cash inside.

Christine Nicholls had not attended the weekly gathering on Monday afternoon so her pals had left the cards on the chair she usually sits in.

Information

Club secretary Keith Pritchard said: "It is really heartbreaking. They must have known that this is a senior citizens' group

and that we are based here. How low can you be to do this and pilfer from old people?"

The group has been based at the Dudley Council-owned hut since it was formed 50 years ago. Mr Pritchard said up to £150 could have been raised by selling the stereo and vacuum cleaner.

Mr Pritchard said the break-in must have happened between about 1pm last Wednesday and 11am on Friday. Anyone with information should call West Midlands Police on 0345 1135000.

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THE WAY I SEE IT

Join the fight for U-turn on Mr Osborne's fuel penalties

LIKE most people in Dudley I have noticed the steep increase in cost when filling up the family car.

Going to the pump has become very expensive for millions of families across the country with the average price of petrol now at the price of 128.8p - 3p of which is a direct result of George Osborne's decision to hit the poorest the hardest by increasing VAT to 20 per cent. And all of this is before the fuel duty rise in April. This increase comes at a time when many people in our town are facing rising taxes, job cuts and the slashing of the benefits they rely on.

Hard-working

During tough times like these we need a government that is on our side, supporting people and helping the economy to recover; not one making ideological cuts to services which are too deep and too fast, while at the same time increasing the bills we all pay by 2.5 per cent.

So this week I launched a campaign calling on George Osborne to immediately reverse the VAT rise on fuel and scrap the fuel duty rise next month.

To back my campaign

all you have to do is sign my petition by calling me on 07901 524956 or emailing me on austini@parliament.uk. The Tories will tell us that these are decisions they have to take and are prices we all have to

pay, but what they don't mention is that the cuts are permanent whilst the deficit is temporary and that an increase of 2.5 per cent on everything we buy hits the poorest the hardest. The Tories will also tell us

that this increase to our fuel bills will raise £700million extra revenue for the Treasury this year. But again they will not mention that the banks are still getting a tax cut from this government compared to last

Dudley North Labour MP Ian Austin takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views on issues that matter



year. I think it is outrageous that hard-working families in Dudley are paying more to fill their cars, just to fill holes in the budget left by tax cuts for millionaire bankers.

I want the government to scrap the VAT rise on fuel and pay for this with the estimated £800million bank levy.

We all know that David Cameron and George Osborne don't live in the same world as us and that a 2.5 per cent increase in the bills they pay would barely register but it is crippling families here in Dudley.

I will do everything I can to make them reverse VAT on fuel but I need your support please contact me to sign my petition.



In full voice – members of Market Drayton Choral Society rehearsing for their spring concert.

Society's preparing to spring into song



Market Drayton Choral Society members are on song in a big way, preparing for a major spring concert they're staging at the town's Festival Centre in early May.

Weekly rehearsals are in full swing at Market Drayton Junior School and will be stepped up before they take to the stage with offerings like *Little Jazz Mass*, *Summer Sunday* and *In the Beginning*.

Musical director Ken Sterling says he's pleased with progress and forecasts that the event, on May 7, will be a memorable addition to the town's entertainment calendar.

Tickets are now on sale at £10 for adults, £8.50 for concessions or £25 for a family of up to five.

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LEFT: Some of the singers in action.



Musical director Ken Sterling at the piano.



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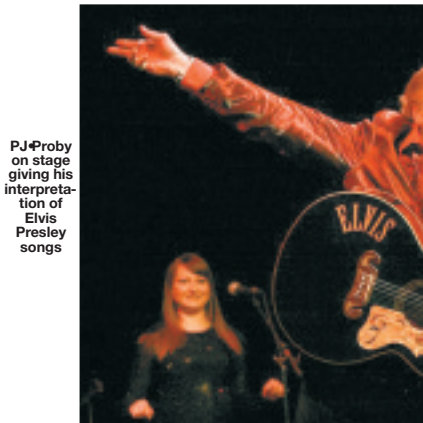
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Fan's 400-mile trip to see PJ



Ron Tennant with PJ Proby in the garden of the singer's house, "Little California", near Evesham



PJ Proby on stage giving his interpretation of Elvis Presley songs

By Sarah Hazelwood

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A FORMER Midlander now living in Belgium is making a 400-mile trip to be reunited with a pop legend.

Ron Tennant, who moved from Birmingham more than 30 years ago, returns every couple of months to see PJ Proby strut his stuff on stage.

On Friday, Stourbridge Town Hall will host One Night of Elvis starring Lee "Memphis" King and his orchestra and singers with special guest PJ Proby, original star of Elvis the Musical.

While Ron is a frequent traveller to watch the star, this will be just the second time that he and his family have returned to England together since 1996.

Sixty-three-year-old Ron has been a fan of Proby across four decades, after first meeting the one-time hellraiser in Bolton back in the 1980s.

Ron said: "I am a huge fan of PJ and have been for many years. In my eyes he is a world star and I have got so much

memorabilia from over the years to remember him by. I absolutely love the man and his music – he could easily have been as big as Elvis.

"His unique personality and rare talent combined make him a world star. He is a perfectionist and this is very clear in his performances, they are always flawless.

"After some setbacks throughout his life he has always bounced back, bigger and better. There aren't many like him around. He's a real crowd pleaser."

Proby, real name James Marcus



Lee 'Memphis' King on stage as Presley



Ron Tennant with just some of the items in his extensive collection of memorabilia

Smith, is originally from Texas, but has lived at the home near Evesham he calls "Little California" for many years.

Now aged 72, the music marvel compiled several demo discs for some of Elvis' biggest hits. He was a major star of the 60s with a string of hits including Hold Me, Somewhere and Maria.

But the stage appearances of Proby – great-grandson of outlaw John Wesley Hardin – attracted controversy in those more sedate times, particularly when his trousers split, and he was effectively banned.

For tickets and details, contact the Stourbridge Town Hall box office on 01384 812812.



PJ Proby in Britain during the mid-sixties

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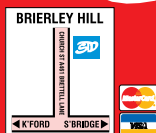
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Musical milestone for Marcus



Marcus Heathcock with Roman Leontiev, conductor of the St Petersburg State Symphony Orchestra Klassika

MARCUS Tristan Heathcock will soon have composed more symphonies than Beethoven or Mahler – as well as having a “hip hop” number one album in Russia under his belt.

The 43-year-old, of Bowling Green Road, Stourbridge, composed his first piece for the piano at the age of three – before he could even play the instrument.

He is now associate composer for the St Petersburg State Symphony Orchestra Klassika in Russia and is writing his 10th symphony, to be dedicated to his fiancée Faith Pentland, 32, also from Stourbridge.

An opera and an 11th symphony, based upon the ancient Assyrian king Esarhaddon and produced in association with the British

Composer set to produce Symphonies No 10 and 11

Museum, are also taking shape. “My music is quite approachable – although I have my own language, which is 21st century. I am not avant garde,” said Marcus, who has a 13-year-old daughter Vanessa, from his marriage to a Russian woman, Valentina.

“The classical composers I love are Schumann, Schubert and Mozart, although I also enjoy folk music, The Beatles and Led Zeppelin.”

“And I have even recorded a hip hop album called Salaam Alei Kum Brother – meaning “Hello Brother” in Arabic – which reached number one in Russia in about 2005.” Marcus’s father, 69-year-old

Frank Heathcock, also of Bowling Green Road, is an amateur recorder and keyboard player, and his mother, now Mrs Jenny Owen, of Robin’s Close, Oldswinford, Stourbridge, sings for Kidderminster Choral Society.

The young composer began writing music even before he could read, when he produced “Minuet in E flat” for the piano at the age of three. He started piano lessons a couple of years later.

He attended Stourbridge’s Elmfield School and did his A-levels at the town’s King Edward VI Sixth Form College in Lower High Street, where he used to compose music for the orchestra, helping it to win the

National Festival of Music in 1987, under head of music, John Griswold.

The college is in the same building where Led Zeppelin’s Robert Plant went to the former King Edward VI Grammar School.

After leaving the Royal Academy of Music with an honours degree in musical composition in 1990, Marcus worked as a teacher at Elmfield School, where he first met his current partner, Faith, who was then a pupil.

Assyria

Their paths crossed again in Stourbridge last year, when they fell for each other. They plan to move to the Glasgow area and eventually get married. “I have composed literally hundreds of pieces of music and am currently writing my 10th symphony, to be dedicated to my love for Faith, which will be played first by the St Petersburg State Symphony Orchestra Klassika,” said Marcus.

“I recently also became fascinated by the life of Esarhaddon, who was King of Assyria in 600BC and who conquered Egypt, despite being slightly deformed and suffering from an illness that meant he had to keep out of the sun.”

“I have been working on it with Dr Irving



Marcus at the piano at King Edward VI Sixth Form College with his fiancée Faith Pentland

Finkel, senior Assyriologist but was warned we could get death threats if we tried to perform it in Iraq because the Islam make enquiries through the opera house in world does not recognise Baghdad about Esarhaddon the ancient civilisation.”

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Big Days put at risk by heartless thieves

LEAD thieves put weddings at risk by targeting Sandwell’s historic Grade II listed register office, forcing bosses to spend more than £50,000 on a security system and repairs – with the ceiling coming close to collapse.

Sandwell Council leader Darren Cooper warned that they had faced the “horrendous” prospect of cancelling weddings.

Council bosses decided to install three 20ft steel poles with CCTV cameras costing £29,500 outside the register office at Highfields in High Street.

They were so concerned that they carried out the work without planning permission because of the urgency. Documents submitted with the retrospective planning applications to keep the security system revealed that the roof was close to collapse after being hit by a number of lead thefts.

Thousands of pounds’ damage was caused and the authority was left to

pick up a further £17,000 bill to repaint the building after roof repairs.

The CCTV poles have also been painted black to merge in with ornate street lamps in the nearby Garden of Remembrance. Bosses spent a further £4,000 on anti-climb drainpipes to stop vandalism.

Clr Cooper said: “We have had to apply for planning permission retrospectively as the priority was to get the CCTV system fitted.”

“We came so close to having the ceiling collapse and weddings being cancelled that we went straight ahead and fitted the CCTV system in January.”

Risk

He said there had been a string of lead thefts at Highfields over the last few years and it was particularly bad last year. There was a theft in spring last year, two thefts in August, another in November during the snow and there had been several previous to that. Enough was enough,” he said.

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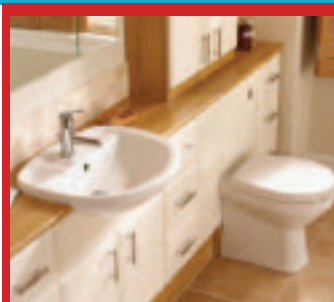
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Jack Thorne, aged 10, tests his lung capabilities with a peak flow meter



Trying out the hoist is Lucas Murphy who is being lifted by Church of Ascension School classmate Harry Mitchell



Having his blood pressure checked by Nick Inley from Classroom Medics is 10-year-old pupil Aaron Huntley



Checking out dummy Stan, from left, Amy Nichols, Charlie-Ann Gennard and Charlie Goddard, all 10

Pupils show healthy interest in medicine

THEY have given hundreds of schoolchildren in Dudley an insight into a career in medicine.

But today Classroom Medics, workshops set up by physician Tom Warrender, face an uncertain future because of spending cuts.

Tom, aged 30, who lives in Pendeford, Wolverhampton, completed a degree in human physiology and taught nurses at Birmingham City University before quitting his job to take on his new venture.

Funding comes from the Government's Aim Higher scheme, which is having its funding cut in July. That means individual schools must then decide if they have enough money to afford the workshops.

Tom said: "We are working with schools in the Dudley area as part of a pilot project that aims to get primary school children to think about their career before they go to secondary school."

"As well as talking to them about jobs in the medical profession there is also a strong health aspect to the workshops."

Tom, who has also launched a new website at www.classroommedicsblog.co.uk offering revision tips and exam advice, runs the business with his wife Davina.

He added: "It is a shame to think that a lot of children will miss out. We are talking to schools about doing shorter sessions to make it more affordable for them."

Youngsters at Church of Ascension Primary in Wall Heath, Dudley, had the chance to work with a patient simulator called Stan and learn to check their blood pressure and lung capacity as well as how to move a patient using a hoist.

Decisions

Tom says he enjoys seeing the reaction from children when his team turn up at the school in New Street.

"As soon as I pull Stan out of the car I get them saying 'is that a dead body,'" says Tom, who used to be a pupil at Ounsdale High School in Wombourne.

"We get a great reaction when we come into the school because we are all dressed up in scrubs with pieces of medical kit, which the

Tom Warrender finds the children receptive

children have never used before. We want to help them make a more informed decision about their life."

Like most 10-year-olds boys, Lucas Murphy dreamed of becoming a famous footballer – but now his aspirations have turned in a different direction following a visit to Church of Ascension Primary by Classroom Medics.

A workshop at the school showed youngsters the wide range of jobs available in the medical sector.

Lucas said: "We have learnt things like where the pulses are in a person's body and what their heart rate should be. It has made me think seriously about going to work in a hospital."

Classmate Charlie Goddard, 10, said she was surprised by how many NHS jobs there were.

"We have learnt about different health jobs and I had no idea there are over 400 to choose from - I took a guess at there being 30."

Jessica Crook, aged 10, added: "The workshop has made me think about becoming a doctor."

Free wi-fi at town libraries

TOWNSFOLK in Dudley can now log on to the internet for free with their web enabled gadgets at libraries across the borough.

A pilot scheme was launched at a number of Dudley Council-run libraries in September and bosses say it has been such a success the system is now available at all borough libraries.

Anyone with a web-enabled smart phone, laptop or other device can use designated free wi-fi hot spots in all libraries to connect to the internet.

Councillor David Simms, cabinet member for housing, libraries and adult learning, said: "The pilot scheme has proved really successful with a monthly basis to make the most of the new service."

"People just need to be a library member to benefit from the free wi-fi as they will need their library card ticket and PIN to log on, but it's really simple to sign up and join the libraries."

School's leaflet on diet choices

A PRIMARY school has produced a leaflet telling parents about the importance of providing healthy packed lunches for their children.

It has been drawn up by staff at Rowley Hall Primary, Rowley Regis. It advises on using a range of food types and also gives guidance on free school meals. Headteacher Lynda Townsend said: "Making healthy food choices assists readiness for learning and helps reduce obesity."

Fitness for over-50s

A NEW exercise class for the over-50s has started in Sedgley this week. All Saints Community Hall in Church Street is the venue for the hour-long classes every Thursday. They will start at 3.30pm. For information telephone 07765 138475.

Advice to the eco-aware

TIPS about how to save money and be eco-friendly are being displayed at Hagley Library, Worcester Road, as part of its bid to become an eco-centre.



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Ewan Chapman, warden of The Leasowes, was cutting the ceremonial ribbon at 9am alongside representatives and children from Halesowen CofE Primary School whose colourful spring themed posters, specifically created for the day, were being put on display.

During the re-opening celebrations, representatives from The Leasowes will be setting up a 'Garden and Wildlife Station' in the Get Growing aisles, offering advice to customers looking to buy gardening products and equipment.

Staff will hand out sweets and balloons throughout the day, and a volunteer from Wilkinson's charity of the year, Anthony Nolan, is hosting a raffle where customers have the chance of winning spring clean and garden products, including flower

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Theatre puts on classic TV play

OLDBURY Repertory Theatre is staging a version of the BBC-aired play *Abigail's Party*, written by cult director Mike Leigh.

The originally improvised play, which is a satire on middle-class suburbia of the 70s, will be performed for a week from Monday, starting at 7.30pm.

The play, set in Romford, Essex explores a party held by Beverly and her husband Laurence, to entertain neighbours Susan, Tony



Beverly, played by Kaz Luckin, left, finds her husband Laurence (Rob Hyland), left, is not in a party mood as neighbours, from left, Angela (Helen Spragg) Tony (Tim Ward) and Susan (Liz Robinson) look

and Angela. The small talk soon creates a rising tension which snaps with dramatic consequences.

The show was originally opened in April 1977 and ran for 104 performances at London's Hampstead Theatre, before being

broadcast as part of the BBC series *Play for Today* in 1977.

Tickets are available by phone on 0121 552 2761 or in person from the box office, on Monday evenings, the Friday March 11 from 7.30pm, and every night of the production from 7pm.

Exhibition steams in

A HOST of model railway tracks and trains will be on display for an annual event in the Black Country.

Stourbridge Railway Society will be holding its Model Railway Exhibition at the Bonded Warehouse, in Canal Street, Stourbridge, over the weekend of April 9 and 10.

Attractions will include model railway layouts covering all gauges together with trade stands and demonstrations. The exhibition will be open between 10am and 5pm on both days. Entrance is £2.50 for adults and children.

Spring in to Mozart

A BLACK Country orchestra will devote its spring concert to the works of Mozart performing four of his best known pieces.

Halesowen Orchestra will stage the event on April 9 at the town's Cornbow Hall and tickets are available.

The programme includes the composer's *La Clemenza di Tito*. Tickets for the concert are priced £7 and can be bought on the door or by calling 0121 550 0956.

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Rat run's 6,000 drivers each day

UP TO 6,000 commuters a day are using an illegal rat-run through a Dudley side street which could now be blocked off in an attempt to resolve the problem for good.

People living in Blackacre Road have been complaining to police and the council for years.

Council banned drivers from the road except to access homes in 2002 but motorists have been flouting the traffic order.

A police crackdown helped cut numbers but recent surveys suggest up to 6,000 drivers a day are cutting through the street to the town centre.

Now council chiefs have drawn up a range of options to try

totackling the issue. These include blocking off the road between Shedden Street and Dando Road and making nearby Paradise one-way although residents are thought to be against that idea.

Other proposals being put forward by the council include making Blackacre Road one way towards Bean Road and making a section of Shedden Street one way towards Lloyd Street.

Discussed

Making Blackacre Road one way towards Dando Road has also been suggested as has making a section of Blackacre Road one way from Dando Road towards Shedden Street.

Another option would see Norman Street and Selbourne Road one way towards Smith Street.

The plans will be discussed at a

meeting of Dudley Central Area Committee on March 15.

A report on the proposals reads: "Before the prohibition of driving order was introduced around 1,000 vehicles used Blackacre Road during each peak hour."

"Over a 12 hour day some 10,000 vehicles used Blackacre Road."

"Following the introduction of the prohibition of driving these figures were halved by means of regular police enforcement."

"These campaigns continue but are of reducing effectiveness and require intensive police activity."

The work would cost in the region of £12,000 to introduce which may be funded through the council's minor works capital allocation budget.

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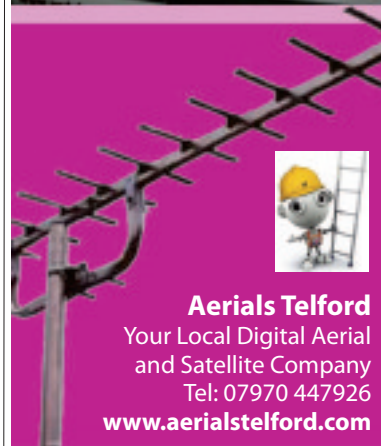
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Teams stumped over lack of help

THREE cricket clubs are hoping to be bowled over with offers of help after teaming up with Dudley Volunteer Centre.

Stourbridge, Oldswinford and Amblectote & Wollaston cricket clubs have been left stumped in their attempts to find volunteers for the new season.

They've enlisted the help of the volunteer centre to help find willing helpers to fill jobs such as preparing the pitch, keeping score and making refreshments for the all-important tea breaks.

Surprised

Dudley Volunteer Centre has registered all of the new positions on their database and is now waiting to team people up with the perfect club for them.

Eileen Fielding, from Dudley Volunteer Centre, said: "We are constantly surprised at how many exciting opportunities there are in sport and are delighted to add our local cricket clubs to the growing list of clubs that we help. We hope that this appeal will get even more people thinking about how they can join in the fun."

Stourbridge Cricket Club has more than 250 members and runs four adult and six junior teams at their Memorial Ground.

Harilal Patel, who has been their chairman for six years, said: "Sports clubs have got so much to offer people who want to get involved so we're all really pleased to have teamed up with our local volunteer centre."

"We're not looking for experts, just enthusiastic people with team spirit and a few hours to spare. Even if potential volunteers are not sure what



Pictured at Stourbridge Cricket Club are, from left, Harilal Patel and Eileen Fielding, Dudley Volunteer Centre and front, from left Pat Clinton, Oldswinford Cricket Club and John Harris, Amblectote and Wollaston Cricket Club

they want to do, we'll be more than happy to match them with something that knocks them for six."

Oldswinford Cricket Club was founded in 1948 and has 40 senior players and at least 100 juniors playing at their Lea Vale Road-based ground.

Amblectote and Wollaston play in Kinver and have a wide membership of players, including five adult league teams.

People who would like to volunteer, or sports groups looking for help, can contact Dudley Volunteer Centre by emailing volunteer@dudleycvs.org.uk or calling 01384 267414.

Wheels in motion for new Heathens' track

A NEW speedway stadium could be built on vacant factory land in the Black Country following talks between campaigners and council chiefs.

Supporters of the former Cradley Heathens have long campaigned for a new permanent home for the team since its Dudley Wood stadium was developed for housing more than 15 years ago.

The speedway club, in its new guise as Dudley Heathens, is just about to embark on its second season.

Talks

Members of campaign group Cradley Raising Aid Saving Heathens have been in talks with both Dudley and Sandwell councils in an attempt to find land for a new stadium.

Group member Bob Edwards says the group met Sandwell cabinet member for leisure, culture and youth, Councillor Ann Shackleton to discuss the issue.

He revealed that vacant former industrial land within Sandwell may be lined up as the site for a new circuit.

Sandwell Council has said there is the possibility of redundant employment land within the area where there could be a track," he said.

"Our talks are at an early stage as the council say the land isn't available yet but that it might be in the future."

"We feel like the talks are progressing and are positive at the moment

but it's just a case of waiting to see what might happen."

"It could be an ideal solution for the club."

Cllr Shackleton said discussions had been held but no firm decision had been made yet.

"We are currently looking at what suitable sites there may be in the borough," she added.

Around 1,000 speedway fans have packed the terraces at Wolverhampton's Monmore Green stadium and Perry Barr stadium, in Birmingham, to follow the Heathens at their home meetings.

But supporters say the club needs a permanent base to call its own.

The group has been boosted by the news that silencers used to reduce exhaust noise have been given the thumbs up by planners in Birmingham.

Speedway team, the Birmingham Brummies, have used the devices on their bikes this season. Their use was enough to convince planners in the city to allow the sport to continue at the Perry Barr stadium.

Mr Edwards has used the example in discussions with the two authorities.

"We have really enjoyed having our meetings in Perry Barr and Wolverhampton but I'm sure for most of our fans, having to travel has not been an ideal set of circumstances. It has been a great season and it is a crucial time now to try and focus on the stadium," he said.

Support is music to the ears



Ready to perform for the hospice are, from left: John Corbett, Christina Podwell, Ann Pollard and David Dunn

A HOSPICE in Stourbridge is set to benefit from a fundraising show at the Town Hall this Saturday.

Brierley Hill Musical Company is staging A Grand Night for Singing, with money raised going to Mary Stevens Hospice.

The music group will be singing songs from the shows and the performance starts at 7.30pm. Janet Jones, head of fundraising at

Mary Stevens Hospice, said: "We are most grateful to the theatre company for their ongoing support."

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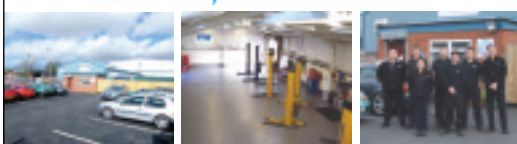


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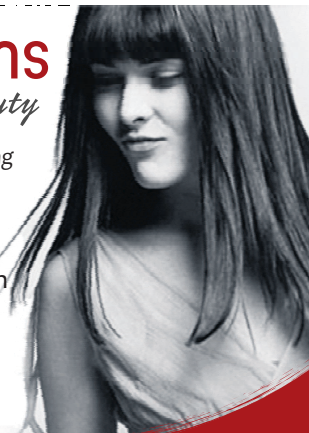
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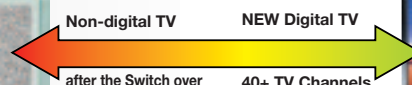
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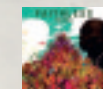
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Big but not beastly – 4x4 hybrid's green credentials

WITH the Lexus RX, parent company Toyota has had the best selling luxury SUV for some time.

by Bob Hickman

But to stand on to your laurels is to commit automotive suicide and so now we have the launch of the new, third generation 450 and the second derivative with the hybrid drive system.

It is this hybrid drive system which, I believe, has taken the Lexus RX out of the 'Chelsea tractor' category and made it a more acceptable face of driving.

It still looks and feels huge,

and there will be those who will always query why there is a necessity for a vehicle of this type in and around the cities, and it is extremely difficult to argue with that particular logic.

There can be little doubt that the Lexus is a serious piece of equipment: it feels solid, it feels robust and the driving position gives you that better view and you feel immensely secure, cocooned in this huge amount of metal.

It is quite easy to see the DNA of the new 450; its

resemblance to the model that it replaces, the 400, is striking.

But make no mistakes the 450 is an all-new vehicle. Inside the quality is superb, everything you touch works with a reassuring click and that nice quality feel to it, switches are perfectly damped and cup holders retract smoothly and quietly (it is almost a delight to use the plethora of cup holders that are fitted). There is a completely new entertainment system and controller,

which has replaced the on screen system.

It is almost BMW in its hi-drive type of operation but, believe me, this is simplicity in itself. I have been a critic of many, many cars with their difficult to get to grips with systems but congratulations to Lexus. You just move the large square shaped joy stick to wherever you want to be, be it traffic, audio or navigation and click. Lexus call it the remote touch, it works very well and it is gratifying to know that it will soon appear in other Lexus models.

Road handling, considering the sheer size of the vehicle was reassuring. This is never going to be a Formula 1 or a go-kart in the handling department on twisty B roads, but show it dual carriageways or sweeping A roads and it has a reassuring feel to it. Probably because of its weight and with the wheels planted firmly at the corners it always gave a comforting ride.

The RX450 has a huge 246 bhp 3.5-litre V6 petrol engine and this in itself should make the 450 something of a dinosaur.

But, of course, where it scores heavily is the hybrid system because it has not one but two powerful electric motors which work in tandem with the internal combustion engine.

There is one at the front and one at the rear and this boosts power to just under 300 bhp. If you absolutely boot the throttle you will be amazed how this big vehicle can lurch forward with a 0-60 in under eight seconds and on to a top speed of 124 mph.

You have three driving modes where the electric motors do actually give assistance.

It is quite a strange feeling however to ease away from a standstill just running on electric power. My family were quite surprised when I dropped off one of the grandchildren and pulled gently away, such is its quietness.

The RX's exterior is vast



and this, of course, relates to the interior for the driver, front passenger and rear occupants, the amount of space really is astounding.

The use of real wood and leather is interesting and enjoyable. The rear seats are capable of reclining and sliding and my two grandchildren on a lengthy motorway trip to visit Legoland found this a delight, so they could have 40 winks when tiredness and excitement overcame them.

Connectivity

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The RX is large – 4,770 mms in length, 1,885 mms wide and 1,685 mms in height – so this is no shrinking violet of a vehicle and be assured you need a fair size drive to be able to park it, and an even bigger garage to fit it into.

During my time with the RX I covered a lot of miles, a considerable amount was motorway and dual carriageway but I also did a lot of round town city with the vehicle. I tried as hard as I could to keep the gauges telling me I was driving it economically and using electric power whenever possible.

Lexus claim that you should achieve 44.8 mpg on the combined and 42.8 mpg on the urban cycle, I couldn't achieve 44 mpg – the computer told me that my overall figure was 37 mpg.

But when you consider the size of the vehicle the factor that primarily you have a 3.5-

litre V-6 petrol engine I believe that figure to be outstanding. I am of an age that I remember a Range Rover from 30-plus years ago and I only achieved single figure fuel figures from that vehicle, so the way things have moved on over the years really is astounding and this gives credence to the Lexus RX being a vehicle that is now acceptable, and not to be castigated and sneered at as not being realistic.

Lexus have never been cheap, my vehicle on the road price was £46,895 – however it did have one or two additional add ons.

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3.00 The Alan Thirlmain Show **3.30** Region
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Crucial **5.00** Regional News **Weather** **6.00**
Crucial **Weather** **2.00** Entertainment **2.30** Corrie
Street **3.30** Flint Die Another Day (2002) Jane
Bond **4.00** adventure, starring Pierce Brosnan
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- Store room, integral garage
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- Four/five bedrooms
- Front sitting room & extended rear sitting room
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NEW 32 TURL'S HILL ROAD £254,950

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- Well presented detached house
- Spacious accommodation with three bedrooms
- Extended lounge & breakfast kitchen
- Large level private rear garden
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NO UPWARD CHAIN

16 PLANKS LANE £249,950

WOMBOURNE

- Detached cottage style house
- Three bedrooms, two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen
- Attractive gardens & off road parking
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- Considerably extended semi detached
- Four/five bedrooms
- Flexible accommodation with 'granny flat' potential
- Popular brownswall estate
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



67 AINTREE WAY £179,950

MILKING BANK

- Well presented detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Modernised throughout
- Conservatory & garage
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



REDUCED FOR QUICK SALE

73 QUEENS ROAD £142,000

SEDGLEY

- Extended semi detached House
- Two double bedrooms & nursery/study
- Kitchen extension
- Spacious bathroom
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



31 ABBEY STREET £129,950

LOWER GORNAL

- Mid terrace house with three bedrooms
- Deceptively spacious
- Separate lounge & dining room
- Well fitted kitchen & bathroom
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



NEW 5 WINDMILL VIEW £129,950

WOODSETTON

- Spacious semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room, separate wc
- Majority uPVC double glazing
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



NO UPWARD CHAIN

OCCUPATION ST £128,750

DUDLEY

- Attractive individual detached three bedroom house
- Landscaped gardens with off road parking convenient location
- Fitted kitchen, spacious living room
- Internal inspection recommended to fully appreciate this unique build
- Carpets included in this new home which is ready to occupy
- DUDLEY OFFICE



NEW 6 KOSSUTH ROAD £121,950

WOODCROSS

- Well maintained semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- Upvc double glazing & gas central heating
- Detached garage
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



NEW 15 BEECH CLOSE £117,500

SEDGLEY

- Well presented semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Re-fitted kitchen
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



19 SYCAMORE GREEN £109,500

DUDLEY

- Extended semi detached house
- Three bedrooms
- Kitchen with dining & sitting area
- Attractive rear garden
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



1 KEIR HARDIE WALK £105,000

TIVIDALE

- End terrace house
- Well proportioned accommodation
- Three bedrooms
- Convenient location
- DUDLEY OFFICE



NEW 1 CHAPEL WALK O/A £100,000

LOWER GORNAL

- Character three bedroom detached house
- In need of complete modernisation
- Large garden plot & off street parking
- Huge potential
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



NEW 15 QUEENS ROAD OVER £100,000

SEDGLEY

- Traditional three bedroom semi
- In need of modernisation & improvement
- Recently installed central heating to part of property
- Sought after locality
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



NEW 11 BLACKBROOK ROAD £99,950

DUDLEY

- Terraced house with three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Shower room, separate wc
- Conservatory
- DUDLEY OFFICE



NO UPWARD CHAIN

5 WINDSOR STREET £95,950

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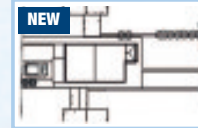
- A well presented mid terraced house
- Two double bedrooms & two sitting rooms
- Well proportioned accommodation
- Off street parking
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



NEW 51 BROAD STREET £84,950

COSELEY

- Ground floor maisonette
- Two bedrooms
- Well proportioned accommodation
- Well maintained communal gardens
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



NEW LAND AT PALE STREET £45,000

UPPER GORNAL

- Building plot
- Planning permission for detached house
- Close to local amenities
- Midway between Sedgley & Dudley
- SEDGLEY OFFICE



NEW 16 MEETING STREET £57,500

NETHERTON

- Mid terrace house
- Two double bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- No upward chain
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- Exceptional fitted dining kitchen
- Delightful lounge with feature fire
- Garage and gardens

£169,950



WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD SEDGLEY

- Traditional detached in popular location
- Three bedrooms plus bathroom
- Two reception rooms
- and fitted kitchen
- Pleasant gardens plus garage
- Terrific family home!!

£225,000

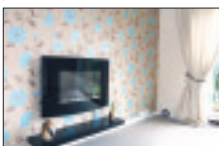
IVYHOUSE LANE COSELEY



- Much improved semi detached
- Three bedrooms plus bathroom
- Lounge and stylish kitchen
- Laundry room extension
- Pleasant gardens

£149,995

CATHERINE ROAD OFF HURST HILL



- Recently refurbished home !!
- ★ Stylish three bed semi and garage
- ★ Lounge and modernised kitchen
- New carpets throughout!
- ★ Delightful gardens!

£119,500



HIMLEY ROAD DUDLEY

- Luxury detached in prominent location
- Four bedrooms plus bathroom
- Two reception rooms
- and luxury kitchen
- Garage and delightful gardens
- Viewing is absolutely essential

£249,995



HORACE STREET COSELEY

- Smart semi in popular spot!
- Two bedrooms plus bathroom
- Stylish lounge and kitchen
- Private garden
- A great first home?

£99,995



SYCAMORE GREEN DUDLEY

- Quietly positioned semi detached
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Lounge and dining
- Delightful kitchen
- Garden with patio
- A delightful first home!

£105,000



UPPER ETTINGSHALL ROAD COSELEY

- Modern semi detached in great location
- Two bedrooms plus bathroom
- Living Room and terrific Kitchen
- Rear garden and off road parking
- A great first home!!

£127,500



BUTTERWORTH CLOSE COSELEY

- Extended semi detached in quiet location
- Lounge, Dining Room and Conservatory
- Fitted 'L' shaped kitchen
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Pleasant gardens to rear

Now only £137,000



BATH STREET SEDGLEY

- Traditional semi in popular location
- Three bedrooms plus fitted dining kitchen
- Two reception rooms
- and Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Pleasant gardens plus garage

Reduced to £134,950



SPRINGVALE CLOSE COSELEY



- Stylish modern End town house
- Lounge and Dining Kitchen
- Three bedrooms plus bathroom

£105,000



- Part paved gardens to rear
- Great first home??!!



FIVEWAYS COURT LOWER GORNAL

- Superior second floor apartment
- Two bedrooms, Lounge, and kitchen
- Bathroom and en suite shower room
- Secured parking and fabulous views!
- 50% shared ownership

£52,500



HILL STREET UPPER GORNAL

- First floor apartment
- Attractive lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Double bedroom and bathroom
- Terrific opportunity

£77,500



WESTWOOD STREET DUDLEY

- Exceptional spacious modernised semi
- Lounge and newly fitted dining kitchen
- Two bedroom plus bathroom
- Delightful gardens
- Double glazing and central heating

£105,000



HARVEST CLOSE UPPER GORNAL

- Semi detached in popular location
- Four bedrooms and bathroom
- Stylish living room
- and dining kitchen
- Conservatory and office/playroom
- Gardens to rear

£129,995



FLAVELLS LANE GORNAL

- Extended and re furnished town house
- Three bedrooms and modernised bathroom
- Stylish fitted kitchen
- Delightful lounge leading to conservatory
- Well designed gardens plus parking and

£123,500



HARVEST CLOSE UPPER GORNAL

- Extended semi detached in popular location
- Four bedrooms and two bathrooms
- Lounge and extended
- dining room
- Kitchen and ground floor cloakroom
- Delightful enclosed garden to rear

£169,950



DOVEDALE ROAD ETTINGSHALL PARK

- Spacious traditional semi detached
- Three bedrooms plus bathroom
- Through lounge and
- Modern double kitchen
- glazed windows
- Delightful gardens

£140,000



BRUNEL DRIVE COSELEY TIPTON BORDER

- Stylish 3 bed and town house in quiet location
- Hall with cloakroom
- Living Room and
- Dining Room
- Excellent kitchen with units
- Delightful gardens and off road parking

Reduced to £120,000



HORTON CLOSE SEDGLEY

- Immaculate detached semi detached
- Four bedrooms plus ensuite
- Modernised family
- and dining kitchen
- Conservatory and office/playroom
- Gardens to rear

£280,000



RUBENS CLOSE UPPER GORNAL

- Modern and town house in quiet location
- Stylish lounge plus fitted dining kitchen
- Two bedrooms plus bathroom
- Delightful gardens and off road parking
- Vacant Possession !!

£124,500



JEWS LANE UPPER GORNAL

- Traditional style 3 bed detached
- 2 Reception rooms plus dining area
- Stunning gardens to rear
- dining room
- Kitchen and ground floor cloakroom
- Delightful enclosed garden to rear

Reduced to £152,000



BOUNDARY HILL LOWER GORNAL

- ★ Prominent positioned
- ★ Three bedrooms plus bathroom
- ★ Generous lounge and
- ★ Living room with kitchen
- ★ Dining area
- ★ Garden plus garage
- ★ Great family home!

£116,000



NORTH OVAL UPPER GORNAL

- Stylish end town house
- Three bedrooms plus attic room
- Generous living room
- and dining kitchen
- Conservatory and bathroom with shower
- Simply must be viewed!!

£118,500



QUEENS ROAD SEDGLEY

- ★ Traditional extended semi detached
- ★ Two reception rooms and breakfast area
- ★ Spacious kitchen
- ★ 2/3 Bedrooms plus bathroom with shower
- ★ Delightful gardens and garage
- ★ Viewed!!

Reduced to £149,950



SANDSTONE CLOSE LOWER GORNAL

- Superb end terraced town house
- Three bedrooms and family
- Two bedrooms plus bathroom
- Excellent lounge and dining kitchen
- Pleasant garden

£124,995



SANDSTONE CLOSE LOWER GORNAL

- ★ Well presented first floor flat
- ★ Double bedroom
- ★ Refitted kitchen
- ★ Garage to rear

Reduced to £72,000



WOODCROSS LANE WOODCROSS

- Semi detached with great potential!!
- Three bedrooms plus bathroom
- Generous lounge plus
- kitchen
- Gardens to rear
- An excellent opportunity

£94,995



WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD SEDGLEY

- ★ A well presented & conscientiously maintained traditional semi
- ★ Cavity wall insulation, uPVC double glazing, gas central heating
- ★ 2 reception rooms, conservatory, kitchen, utility area
- ★ 3 bedrooms, family bathroom
- ★ Off road parking, garage and enclosed garden to rear

155,000



TURIS HILL ROAD COSELEY

- ★ Stunning three bed town house !!!
- ★ Three bedrooms including attic room
- ★ Open plan lounge
- with spiral staircase
- ★ Luxury bathroom plus shower room
- ★ Excellent fitted kitchen

£174,995



UPPER ETTINGSHALL ROAD COSELEY

- ★ Exceptional mid terrace
- ★ Three bedrooms plus attic room
- ★ Stylish lounge and
- fitted dining kitchen
- ★ Good sized garden with store
- ★ A terrific family home !!

£125,000

K. Stuart Swash



THE WOLD, CLAVERLEY

Well presented detached family home within this charming village. Reception hall, smart cloakroom/shower room, lovely lounge and study area off, large light dining room with doors to garden, breakfast kitchen, utility and store. Wide landing, three bedrooms, spacious bathroom, Garage, delightful rear garden, terrace leading to mature, neatly maintained grounds.

OFFERS AROUND £385,000



FINCHFIELD

Within a moment's walk of Bantock Park, an impressive detached on a prominent corner plot. Porch, hall, through lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, wc, garage, wide driveway, mature gardens - modernisation required.

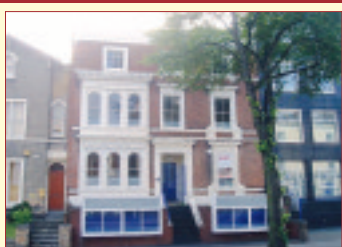
OFFERS AROUND £295,000



WOOD ROAD, CODSALL HOUSE WITH BUILDING PLOT

Lovely location with outlook across open fields. Four bed semi needing full refurbishment, attractive rear garden with Planning Permission for erection of a two bedroomed bungalow, fronting Moatbrook Lane.

OFFERS AROUND £220,000



WATERLOO ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON

Impressive double fronted period premises close to city centre with eight parking spaces. Three ground floor rooms, small kitchen, wcs, large cellar, four rooms on first floor, three rooms on second floor, rear yard, approx 2,200 sq ft (205m²). Excellent potential

OFFERS INVITED

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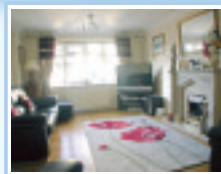
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18 MONTEPELLIER GARDENS

MILKING BANK £259,950

- 4 bedroom detached in small select cul-de-sac
- Entrance hall, lounge, dining room
- Conservatory, cloakroom, breakfast kitchen
- Utility, bathroom, en-suite, garage
- Central heating & double glazing



REDUCED



80 ENVILLE ROAD £162,500

WALL HEATH

- THE EDGE OF GREEN BELT COUNTRYSIDE
- A 4 bedroom mid terraced house
- Lounge, dining room, cloakroom
- Re-fitted kitchen, shower room
- Central heating & double glazing (wh. stated)
- Newly fitted carpets and blinds



59 SHIRLEY ROAD

DUDLEY £169,950

- Traditional, modernised 3 bedroom property
- Lounge, dining room, re-fitted kitchen
- 2 converted cellars, utility outside
- W.c. re-fitted bathroom, detached brick garage
- Rear garden, central heating & double glazing



173 FOXDALE DRIVE £64,950

BRIERLEY HILL

- Much improved ground floor 1 bedroom flat
- Lounge, kitchen, double bedroom
- Re-fitted bathroom with under floor heating
- Upvc double glazing, allocated parking
- Ideal first purchase/investment



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FLAVELLS LANE



- ★ Modern town house
- ★ Off village centre
- ★ Immaculate throughout
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Fitted kitchen ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom ★ Gardens
- ★ Front parking ★ Rear garage
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Double glazed
- ★ Ideal first purchase/investment

OFFERS BASED ON £129,950

GORNAL

BIRD STREET



- ★ Semi Detached ★ Built 2008
- ★ Immaculate Throughout
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Fitted Kitchen ★ Conservatory
- ★ Three Bedrooms
- ★ En-suite to Master
- ★ Bathroom ★ Garage
- ★ Gas CH ★ Double Glazed

OFFERS BASED ON £167,500

GORNAL

PROSPECT ROAD



- ★ Individual detached in sought after location
- ★ Porch ★ Lounge
- ★ Dining Room ★ Conservatory
- ★ Fitted kitchen ★ Utility
- ★ Cloakroom ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Garage ★ Gardens

OFFERS BASED ON £275,000

GORNAL WOOD

COOPERS BANK ROAD



- ★ Executive detached
- ★ Exclusive development
- ★ 4 years old ★ Lounge
- ★ Breakfast kitchen
- ★ Study ★ Family room
- ★ Cloakroom ★ Gallery landing
- ★ Five bedrooms ★ En suite to master
- ★ Bathroom ★ Garage
- ★ Landscaped gardens
- ★ Immaculate throughout

OFFERS BASED ON £349,950

MILKING BANK

SOVEREIGN DRIVE



- ★ Detached property with open aspects over parkland
- ★ Four bedrooms
- ★ Master with en-suite
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Formal dining room
- ★ Fitted kitchen ★ Laundry
- ★ Full width conservatory
- ★ Family bathroom
- ★ Garage ★ Good sized plot

Offers based on £269,950

THE STRAITS

SANDYFIELDS ROAD



- ★ Detached bungalow
- ★ Porch entrance
- ★ Reception hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Two bedrooms ★ Bathroom
- ★ Dining kitchen ★ Garage
- ★ Gas Central heating
- ★ Double glazed
- ★ Good sized plot
- ★ In need of updating
- ★ Panoramic, extensive views

OFFERS BASED ON £179,950

DUDLEY

DIBDALE ROAD



- ★ Semi-detached
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Kitchen/diner ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Loft room conversion
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Double glazed
- ★ Large gardens
- ★ Immaculate throughout

OFFERS BASED ON £149,950

GORNAL

THE STRAITS



- ★ Mid Town House
- ★ Open Rear Aspects
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge ★ Conservatory
- ★ Fitted Kitchen
- ★ Three Bedrooms ★ Bathroom
- ★ Double Glazed
- ★ Gas Central Heating
- ★ Sizable Gardens ★ Rear Parking

OFFERS BASED ON £139,950

UPPER GORNAL

EVE LANE



- ★ Semi-detached
- ★ Immaculate throughout
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge ★ Dining area
- ★ Conservatory
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Three bedrooms ★ Bathroom
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Landscaped gardens

OFFERS BASED ON £139,950

SEDGLEY

ARCAL STREET



- ★ Semi-detached, cottage style
- ★ Improved and immaculate
- ★ Lounge ★ Dining room
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Gas CH ★ Double glazed
- ★ Bathroom ★ Garden

OFFERS BASED ON £122,950

UPPER GORNAL

EVE LANE



- ★ Traditional semi
- ★ Hall ★ Lounge
- ★ Formal dining area
- ★ Kitchen ★ Three bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom
- ★ Gas central heating
- ★ Double glazed ★ Parking
- ★ Gardens

OFFERS BASED ON £120,000

GORNAL

PARK ROAD



- ★ Semi-detached ★ Lounge
- ★ Dining area
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Three bedrooms ★ Bathroom
- ★ Double glazed
- ★ Open rear outlook
- ★ Ideal first purchase

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NEW

CRADLEY HEATH, WYCHERLEY WAY

- Impressive first floor apartment
- Two bedrooms
- Superb lounge with feature fireplace
- Splendid kitchen with appliances
- Attractive bathroom with shower over the bath
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing
- Allocated parking

£450 pcm



NEW

PENSNETT, HEYDON ROAD

- Spacious town house
- Two double bedrooms
- Splendid lounge with feature fireplace
- Fitted kitchen with cooker
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Separate WC
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing
- Rear garden and driveway

£425 pcm



NEW

BRIERLEY HILL, MOOR STREET

- Superb first floor apartment
- Two bedrooms, master with built in wardrobes
- Splendid lounge
- Attractive kitchen with built in oven and hob
- Refitted bathroom with shower over the bath
- Electric heating
- Allocated parking

£395 pcm



LET IN JUST
ONE DAY

NEW

AMBLECOTE, VICARAGE ROAD

- Impressive refurbished semi-detached house
- Close to Corbett Hospital
- Three bedrooms
- Superb lounge
- Separate dining room
- Splendid kitchen with built in oven and hob
- Ground floor cloakroom/WC
- First floor bathroom with separate shower cubicle
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing
- Delightful rear garden and driveway

£600 pcm



NEW

BRIERLEY HILL, DELPH ROAD

- Impressive refurbished semi detached house
- Superb lounge with feature fireplace
- Separate dining room with feature fireplace
- Splendid refitted kitchen with cooker
- Refitted bathroom with shower over the bath
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing
- Delightful long rear garden
- Driveway

£550 pcm No DSS - No Pets



LET

NEW

NETHERTON, PURLIN WHARF

- Impressive second floor apartment
- Two bedrooms
- Master with en suite shower room
- Splendid lounge
- Superb fitted kitchen with oven, hob and washer/dryer
- Bathroom
- Electric heating and uPVC double glazing
- Allocated parking

£525 pcm



CRADLEY HEATH, GRANVILLE ROAD

- Splendid semi-detached property
- Two double bedrooms
- Attractive lounge with gas fire
- Fitted kitchen with cooker & fridge/freezer
- Refitted bathroom with shower over bath
- Gas central heating & UPVC double glazing
- Large rear garden with patio area

£495 pcm



BRIERLEY HILL, ALBION STREET

- Impressive first floor apartment
- Two bedrooms (only master bedroom has furniture)
- Superb lounge
- Splendid fitted kitchen with built in oven, hob and fridge/freezer, shower room
- UPVC double glazing and economy seven heating
- Allocated parking

£450 pcm



LYE, NEW FARM ROAD

- Spacious second floor apartment
- Two bedrooms, Attractive lounge
- Superb refitted kitchen with oven, hob and fridge freezer
- Splendid refitted bathroom with shower over bath
- Gas central heating & UPVC double glazing

£450 pcm



BRIERLEY HILL, 129 FOXDALE DRIVE

- Impressive refurbished one bedroom house
- Superb lounge with feature fire
- Combined with a splendid fitted kitchen with oven & hob
- Attractive fitted bathroom with shower over the bath
- UPVC double glazing
- Front garden
- Allocated parking

£425 pcm



BRIERLEY HILL, GORDON CRESCENT

- Impressive first floor apartment
- One double bedroom reappointed breakfast kitchen with oven & hob
- Lounge with feature fire place
- Refitted bathroom with shower over the bath
- Upvc double glazing
- Parking to the rear

£395 pcm



BRIERLEY HILL, 205 FOXDALE DRIVE

- Splendid second floor apartment
- Two bedrooms, master with built in wardrobes
- Fitted kitchen with cooker & fridge
- Superb lounge with feature fire place
- Bathroom with shower over the bath
- Electric heating
- Allocated parking

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GRANGE ROAD

A mid terrace property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, conservatory, first floor landing having three bedrooms and shower room. Viewing highly recommended.



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BREWERY STREET

A semi detached property, accommodation comprises entrance hall, three reception rooms, kitchen/diner, downstairs bathroom, first floor landing having three bedrooms and bathroom, driveway, garden to the rear, double glazing as specified, gas central heating. Viewing highly recommended. Alarmed.



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DUDLEY

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| <p>SEDGLEY</p>  <p>AVINGTON CLOSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A detached family home in this desirable Cotwall End location. Spacious lounge with dining area. Games room with snooker table Conservatory Kitchen ★ Guest cloakroom 3 double bedrooms and large family bathroom (easy conversion back to 4 bedrooms) Tandem garage, mature rear gardens Viewing is highly recommended. <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £275,000</p> | <p>WOODSETTON</p>  <p>ROPER WAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A luxuriously appointed detached family home Quiet cul-de-sac location Fully enhanced and upgraded by current owners Modern good size breakfast kitchen Dining room and conservatory Four bedrooms with en-suite to master South facing rear garden ★ Garage <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £249,950</p> | <p>LARKSVIEW, DUDLEY</p>  <p>RICHBOROUGH DRIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luxuriously appointed detached home on a private plot Enhanced to provide contemporary style accommodation Lounge and separate dining room Breakfast kitchen and utility with integrated appliances Four bedrooms, ensuite to master Modern family bathroom, downstairs cloakroom Garage and driveway parking for 3/4 cars <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £237,500</p> | <p>SEDGLEY</p>  <p>HIGH PARK CRESCENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A detached family home in a desirable sought after location Private rear garden with delightful open aspect views of the countryside Impressive and deceptively spacious Large open plan style dining room and lounge Kitchen ★ Guest cloakroom Four bedrooms, with en-suite to master Garage and driveway parking Great potential with this property <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £235,000</p> | <p>BILSTON</p>  <p>HARLYN CLOSE, BRIDGEFIELDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A luxuriously appointed modern four bed detached Lounge ★ 2nd reception room Conservatory Kitchen and utility Downstairs cloakroom ★ Family bathroom Master bedroom with ensuite Garage Private rear garden, sunny position <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £233,995</p> | <p>COSELEY</p>  <p>SEAGULL BAY DRIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immaculate 4 bed detached property Two formal reception rooms and conservatory Well equipped kitchen and separate utility room En-suite to master bedroom and fitted house bathroom Gas central heating and double glazing Garage and off road parking <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £229,950</p> |
| <p>SEDGLEY</p>  <p>HIGH PARK CRESCENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A traditional three bedroom detached property in a most sought after location close to Sedgley Village Two reception rooms Breakfast kitchen ★ Conservatory Guest cloakroom Gas central heating and upvc double glazing Driveway with off road parking for several vehicles <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £199,950</p> | <p>BROWNSWALL, SEDGLEY</p>  <p>DUMBLEBERRY AVENUE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A most desirable extended semi-detached on the popular Brownsall estate Two spacious reception rooms Breakfast kitchen Gas central heating Recently installed UPVC double glazing (majority) Three double bedrooms Garage and off road parking Well maintained rear garden Viewing highly recommended <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £189,950</p> | <p>GORNAL WOOD</p>  <p>HIMLEY ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A delightful traditional semi-detached extended to the rear Formal dining room ★ Good sized lounge "L" shaped breakfast kitchen Downstairs wc ★ Laundry facilities Three bedrooms, two with fitted furniture Fully tiled bathroom Lovely rear garden with sunny aspect Block paved driveway <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £185,000</p> | <p>SEDGLEY</p>  <p>HIGH PARK CRESCENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A traditional semi-detached full of charm and character Imposing full height hallway Modern breakfast kitchen, open plan dining room Delightful lounge Three good sized bedrooms Garage and driveway parking No upward chain <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £179,995</p> | <p>WOODSETTON</p>  <p>SEDGLEY ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A period detached residence, conveniently situated for major road and rail networks Lounge, dining room Kitchen and utility Three bedrooms and house bathroom Upvc double glazing (majority) Gas central heating Large private garden, open aspect to rear Parking for 4 vehicles to front <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £162,500</p> | <p>LOWER GORNAL</p>  <p>MANOR DRIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delightfully positioned detached bungalow on large plot Potential for extending/ building plot subject to relevant consents Two bedrooms and bathroom Kitchen to the front Gas central heating, double glazing (majority) Garage with utility area Secluded rear garden <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £160,000</p> |
| <p>LOWER GORNAL</p>  <p>OAKLAND DRIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Semi-detached property in a popular area close to Gornal Excellent family living accommodation Fitted kitchen Through Lounge / dining room Three Bedrooms Upvc double glazing, ★ gas central heating Detached Garage ★ Block paved driveway Good size low-maintenance rear garden <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £159,950</p> | <p>LOWER GORNAL</p>  <p>WINSAR CROFT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern style semi-detached, quiet cul-de-sac location High standard of accommodation, extended living space into Garage Kitchen with dining area Lounge and conservatory Three bedrooms, ensuite to master Garage converted to partial storage space Parking for several cars <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £157,950</p> | <p>COSELEY</p>  <p>GOUGH ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impressive Edwardian end cottage full of character Two spacious reception rooms Kitchen ★ Utility / store Three double bedrooms Large family bathroom Conservatory opening onto delightful rear garden Block paved forecourt Large garage / workshop/office to the rear <p>£149,950 - 5% GIFTED DEPOSIT AVAILABLE</p> | <p>LOWER GORNAL</p>  <p>THE ALLEY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A traditional three bedroom semi-detached in quiet location at the head of a cul-de-sac and close to the nature reserve Good sized lounge overlooking rear garden Dining kitchen, side lobby and hallway Gas central heating and upvc double glazing Pleasant tiered rear garden with a sunny position Garage and off road parking No upward chain <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £139,950</p> | <p>TIPTON</p>  <p>FOXYARDS ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A delightful three bed semi detached ideally situated for all amenities Enhanced by the current owners with a modern theme Two reception rooms and a conservatory Kitchen and utility Upvc double glazing & Gas central heating Garage & block paved driveway Pleasant private rear garden Viewing highly recommended <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £139,950</p> | <p>HURST HILL, COSELEY</p>  <p>MASLIN DRIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A traditional style semi-detached house with a garage Popular residential location close to all amenities Open plan lounge with dining area Kitchen with separate utility Three bedrooms all with built-in wardrobes Upvc double glazing ★ Gas central heating Good sized rear garden with sunny aspect <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £128,950</p> |
| <p>COSELEY</p>  <p>BERRINGTON DRIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A three bedroom semi-detached property In a quiet residential location Open plan style living room Dining kitchen ★ Conservatory Three bedrooms ★ bathroom Upvc double glazed windows Garage & off road parking <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £129,950</p> | <p>HURST HILL, COSELEY</p>  <p>PAUL STREET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A traditional three bed semi-detached home in a popular location, conveniently situated for Hurst Hill Primary School Open plan lounge into dining room Kitchen, rear lobby, downstairs w.c Good sized family bathroom Upvc double glazing (majority) Gas central heating Off road parking <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £129,950</p> | <p>SEDGLEY</p>  <p>LOMOND ROAD, NORTHWAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A deceptively spacious mid town house Beautifully presented throughout Lounge ★ Open plan modern kitchen & dining area Downstairs cloakroom Three bedrooms Two allocated parking spaces NO UPWARD CHAIN <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £129,950</p> | <p>TIPTON</p>  <p>SANNERS CRESCENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern 3 bed end town house on three storeys Generous sized lounge, kitchen, cloakroom on ground floor Two bedrooms and bathroom on middle floor Main bedroom, dressing area, ensuite on top floor Fitted wardrobes in all bedrooms Rear garden ★ Garage STAMP DUTY EXEMPT <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £127,500</p> | <p>COSELEY</p>  <p>HIGHFIELDS ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A charming beautifully presented cottage Large dining kitchen, Two reception rooms Two bedrooms and shower room Potential for loft conversion subject to relevant consent Gas central heating Double glazing (majority) Two rear workshops and storage room Pleasant rear gardens Off road parking for two cars <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £127,500</p> | <p>WOODSETTON</p>  <p>PARKES HALL ROAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Three bed semi, refurbished throughout Open plan lounge, dining room Modern Kitchen & utility Garage with laundry facilities Private rear garden with sunny aspect Block paved driveway NO UPWARD CHAIN <p>REDUCED TO £124,950</p> |
| <p>COSELEY</p>  <p>BERRINGTON DRIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stylish and immaculately presented modern semi-detached Refurbished to a high specification Generous sized lounge ★ dining kitchen Two double bedrooms Modern bathroom Upvc double glazed and gas central heating Off road parking <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,950</p> | <p>HURST HILL, COSELEY</p>  <p>PAUL STREET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO UPWARD CHAIN Built in 2006, beautifully presented town house. 5 year Zurich guarantee Dining kitchen and lounge Two bedrooms, ensuite to master Family bathroom ★ Downstairs cloakroom Well maintained rear garden, sunny aspect Block paved driveway, parking for 2 cars <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £124,950</p> | <p>DUDLEY</p>  <p>RICHBOROUGH DRIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A most desirable modern townhouse In a quiet location at the end of a cul-de-sac, distant views Open plan lounge and modern kitchen Two double bedrooms Upvc double glazing & gas central heating Low maintenance sunny rear garden Two allocated parking spaces NO UPWARD CHAIN <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950</p> | <p>COSELEY</p>  <p>CENTRAL DRIVE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A generous sized 3 bed traditional semi-detached Conveniently located for major road and rail links Lounge and dining kitchen Upvc double glazed. ★ Gas central heating Modern fully tiled bathroom Good sized rear garden with outbuilding. Driveway parking for two cars. <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £119,950</p> | <p>UPPER GORNAL</p>  <p>ROCK STREET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A traditional end terrace property providing spacious accommodation Two large reception rooms Kitchen with utility Two double bedrooms, upstairs bathroom Upvc double glazing and gas central heating Delightful rear garden on three levels Ideal first time purchase <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £116,950</p> | <p>LOWER GORNAL</p>  <p>HILLSIDE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A semi-detached in a popular location some updating required Lounge and dining room/reception 2 Kitchen, rear lobby, downstairs wc. Three good sized bedrooms Bathroom Large rear garden with sunny aspect NO UPWARD CHAIN £1,000 CASHBACK ON COMPLETION <p>OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £95,000</p> |



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Delightfully located and enjoying a very pleasant open front outlook this DISTINCTIVE TRADITIONAL BAY FRONTED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME has been SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED to the full width at the rear, now offering an EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS layout of ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED accommodation including integral porch, 30 through reception hall, 17+ lounge with bay, large separate dining room, fitted kitchen, separate utility room, rear lobby area, THREE BEDROOMS (bedrooms 1 & 3 with wardrobes), refitted bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is further enhanced by the FULL WIDTH DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a GOOD SIZED ESTABLISHED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £184,950**WALL HEATH VILLAGE****18 Brooklyn Grove**

Enjoying a very pleasant open front outlook within a highly sought after cul-de-sac, this DELIGHTFUL TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME affords a VERY SPACIOUS and WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation which is VERY WELL PLANNED and WELL MAINTAINED, comprising: Through Reception Hall, large Lounge, separate dining room, fitted Kitchen, integral Side Porch, THREE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, luxury refitted Shower Room, WC, GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property enjoys an attractive front garden with GENEROUS REAR/SIDE GARDENS which have a private rear aspect and LONG DRIVEWAY with GARAGE SPACE (subject to consent). KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £178,950**WOLVERHAMPTON****Dovedale Road, Ettingshall Park**

An absolutely outstanding, Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached that has been tremendously renovated & improved by present vendors in recent months enviably situated in favoured location with good distant views. The superb accommodation includes: enlarged porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, separate dining room (with door out to garden), stylish en-suite refitted kitchen with a fine range of large, together with integrated oven, hob, filter, fridge, washing machine & dishwasher. Partry. Three bedrooms (third bedroom enlarged into eaves), reappointed bathroom with white suite (chrome detailing). Lengthy 177' garage, enclosed rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £182,950**WORDSLEY****107 Arundel Road**

Pleasantly located upon the highly sought after Forest Lawns / Ashwood Park development, this BEAUTIFULLY REFITTED AND IMPROVED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers an ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED and SPACIOUS LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, attractive lounge, separate dining room, attractively re-fitted shaker style kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE BEDROOMS and beautifully re-appointed classic white bathroom. Gently elevated and set back beyond the small attractive fore garden, together with BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to the GARAGE and enjoying a PLEASANTLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £159,950**SEDGLEY****Southerndown Road, Brownswall Estate**

RARE OPPORTUNITY! A gas centrally heated, part uPVC double glazed semi detached in need of some sympathetic updating and providing significant potential. Enviably situated in favoured neighbourhood, accommodation includes porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room, updated kitchen, lobby, store. Three bedrooms (potential to enlarge third bedroom), bathroom, garage, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,000**WORDSLEY****3 Rothesay Drive**

A BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED AND SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which forms part of the sought after 'Forest Lawns/Ashwood Park' development, offering SUPERB FAMILY SIZED ACCOMMODATION which is EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED throughout, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, full width lounge, full width dining room extension, attractively fitted kitchen, THREE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS and luxury refitted classic white bathroom. Set back beyond the BROAD PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to the GARAGE and enjoying a BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £157,950**KINGSWINFORD****53 Austrey Road**

This SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED now 3 / 4 BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE is superbly presented and enjoys an excellent location within popular Crestwood Park to offer: Hall, SUPERB 25' x 15' 6" LOUNGE with dining space as preferred, EXTENDED BREAKFAST KITCHEN refitted and with built-in cooker, SEPARATE 14' 8" DINING ROOM or bedroom 4/study, THREE FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS, attractive white bathroom, Gas Central Heating and Upvc Double Glazing. Impressive Cobblestone patterned FORECOURT/PARKING and Laid out level rear garden with STORE and OPEN SUNNY ASPECT.

Price: £149,950**KINGSWINFORD****99 Austrey Road**

This SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND WELL APPOINTED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is pleasantly located upon the sought after Crestwood Park development and offers a VERY SPACIOUS LAYOUT, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, incredibly spacious lounge with dining area, study area, FANTASTIC SIZE & ATTRACTIVELY FITTED DINING KITCHEN, THREE BEDROOMS and bathroom with light colour suite. Set back beyond the BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to the GARAGE and enjoying a PLEASANT LEVEL REAR GARDEN which enjoys a SUPERB OPEN REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £144,950**KINGSWINFORD****140 Bromley Lane**

Enjoying a LARGE and ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE offers a SPACIOUS and WELL PRESENTED layout of accommodation which is further enhanced by a LONG BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY approach, the accommodation includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, DOUBLE GLAZING and comprises: reception hall, large full depth lounge with dining area, extended kitchen with integrated appliances, rear lobby with ground floor w.c. and storage off, THREE BEDROOMS and shower room, LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, attractive front garden, GARAGE and the approximate 75' long level rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £144,950**KINGSWINFORD****57 Standhills Road**

This SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND GREATLY IMPROVED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME is very well placed within the highly sought after location, offering a PARTICULARLY GENEROUS LAYOUT of accommodation, enhanced by the IMPRESSIVE WIDE DRIVEWAY to the fore and comprising: reception hall, spacious lounge, separate formal dining room, fitted kitchen with built-in appliances, utility room, THREE EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, classic white bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Pleasantly elevated to the fore and enjoying a GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN with patio and lawns and SUPERB OPEN REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £139,950**COSELEY****Kenelm Road**

This traditional style, bay fronted, vast majority uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated semi detached has been conscientiously maintained by the present owners. An internal inspection is highly recommended to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation. Situated in a quiet cul de sac whilst remaining convenient for local amenities, the property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, dining room, kitchen with a fine range of units, splendid CONSERVATORY addition, three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite and separate shower cubicle, block paved driveway & a lovely rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950**LOWER GORNAL****Chaucer Avenue, Straits**

TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL! A freehold, gas centrally heated (not tested) & part uPVC double glazed semi detached requiring some sympathetic updating set in well regarded/convenient neighbourhood. Accommodation comprises hall, living room, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, lengthy drive, garage, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950**KINGSWINFORD****7 Elmhurst Drive**

A WELL APPOINTED AND ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED HOME which is pleasantly situated upon sought after High Acres and offering a VERY SPACIOUS LAYOUT which is READY TO MOVE INTO and comprising: reception hall, very spacious lounge with dining area, attractively re-fitted kitchen with built-in appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and well appointed classic white bathroom. Set back beyond a good sized fore garden with lawns/shrubs with side access to the PLEASANT REAR GARDEN with patio and lawns and, to the rear, the property benefits a REAR DRIVEWAY, together with GARAGE. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £124,950**TIPTON****Watts Close, Foxyards**

A conscientiously maintained, FREEHOLD, gas centrally heated & mostly double glazed semi detached in favoured cul de sac. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, transverse lounge with feature 'living flame' fireplace, breakfast kitchen with glazed verandah beyond, tiled shower room, two double bedrooms (presently sub-divided to provide three bedrooms), boarded loft space, driveway to GARAGE, neat garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950**LOWER GORNAL****Chapel Walk**

Enviably situated in quiet backwater within reasonable walking distance of the village and all amenities, a particularly individual 'quirky' cottage of character believed to date back over 150 years. The significantly modernised gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed accommodation provides refitted breakfast kitchen, excellent lounge, further room with potential. Two bedrooms, respointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, small but secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950**DUDLEY****Cambridge Road**

This traditional two/three bedroomed semi detached property has gas central heating and double glazing and also a garage, and comprises: hall, large lounge, modern kitchen, three first floor bedrooms, with bedroom three open plan into bedroom one, modern bathroom, garden to the rear, alarm, cavity wall insulation, UPVC gutter and fascia. Realistically priced. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £99,950**COSELEY****Norton Crescent**

This well presented, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home is situated in an established residential location and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, living room, dining kitchen, guest w.c., three bedrooms, reappointed wet room, garage, driveway & low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £89,950**PENSNETT****Chapel Court**

Appealing to the first time buyer or single person is this modern first floor, one bedroomed apartment ideally suited for all local facilities, and comprising: hall lounge, modern bathroom and kitchen, bedroom with fitted storage, economy 7 heating, uPVC double glazed, parking, and being well presented throughout. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £74,950**WALL HEATH VILLAGE****27A Blaze Park**

This BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED, GROUND FLOOR FLAT enjoys a pleasant setting within highly sought after Wall Heath Village and offers an ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED and EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception area, inner hall, pleasant L-shaped lounge with large walk-in wardrobe / store off, attractively appointed shower room. Set back beyond a good sized lawn to the fore and, to the rear, the property enjoys the use of TWO OUTSIDE STORES and we have been advised that the lower rear garden area is also the responsibility of 27A. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Offers Around £72,500**DUDLEY****Attingham Drive**

This beautifully presented & comparatively spacious, uPVC double glazed, ground floor apartment is situated on a recently constructed popular development and may be of particular interest to first time buyers. The conscientiously maintained accommodation briefly comprises secure communal entrance, private hall, stylish open plan living room/kitchen, two double bedrooms (principal bedroom with built-in wardrobes), bathroom with white suite, storage heating & allocated parking space. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £53,950 for 50% share**SEDGLEY****The Priory**

Exceptionally stylish, significantly extended, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached family residence, has been comprehensively refurbished to an exemplary specification. Situated in quiet 'backwater' forming part of conservation area within walking distance of Bull Ring. Accommodation includes reception hall, store, dining room, extended L-shaped lounge (lofty ceiling height and with velux windows), sitting room, large breakfast kitchen with numerous integrated appliances, laundry, fitted cloaks/shower room, FIVE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with shower room en suite) and a bathroom. Gated parking, potential garage space (subject to regulations - not verified) and landscaped grounds. Personal inspection imperative. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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A particularly SPACIOUS, enlarged/extended detached, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed family home that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years set within walking distance of village. Superb accommodation includes imposing reception hall, store, elegant lounge with bay & feature fireplace, dining room with double French doors out to garden, magnificent 16'7" reappointed breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, pantry, utility room, fitted cloakroom. FIVE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & walk-in wardrobe/closet) and stylish bathroom with contemporary suite installed in early 2010. Garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £249,950**DUDLEY****Osberton Drive, Milking Bank**

An exceptionally well presented & tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years to provide extremely stylish well proportioned accommodation. Enviously situated in relatively quiet cul de sac close to adopted open space and with panoramic distant views, the accommodation includes entrance hall way, lounge with feature fireplace, dining room, enlarged refitted L-shape breakfast kitchen with a tremendous range of units with many integrated appliances, lobby, fitted cloakroom. Four bedrooms (principal bedroom with white suite, landscaped garden, burglar alarm and personal inspection is considered imperative for full appreciation. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £214,950**SEDGLEY****Southerndown Road, Brownswall Estate**

A spacious, significantly EXTENDED, much enhanced & conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached family home in favoured neighbourhood with good distant views. Accommodation provides enlarged porch, reception hall, fitted cloakroom, separate dining room with bay, lounge with folding doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed conservatory, enlarged upgraded L-shape breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, FOUR BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite, integral store. Landscaped rear garden & substantial timber gym with light & power (alternative use as playroom, hobbies room, garden room, summer house). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £199,950**SEDGLEY****Farm Close, Brownswall Estate**

REMARKABLE OPPORTUNITY - EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE GARDEN !! - Enviously situated at head of short cul de sac immediately abutting open fields with panoramic distant views, a gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured district. Stylish accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room (with double french doors out to garden), kitchen, pantry, breakfast/utility room. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom, large garage, exceptionally lengthy garden (section let out as part of a paddock). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £197,950**DUDLEY****Cowley Drive, Milking Bank**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached family home has been significantly improved & updated by the present owners and is situated in a quiet cul de sac on the popular Milking Bank development. Internal inspection is strongly advised to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation which briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, splendid refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, dining room, four good bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & lawned gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £194,995**WOODSETTON****Dearne Court**

An attractive, extremely stylish, tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed detached in quiet location with good distant views. Accommodation includes reception hall, reappointed cloakroom, superb lounge, magnificent transverse dining kitchen (with double French doors to garden) with a fine range of cream finish units & various appliances, utility room, store. Three bedrooms (one with an extensive range of "beech" effect fitted units), reappointed bathroom with white suite. Garage, delightful secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £177,950**DUDLEY****Fairview Road**

A remarkably SPACIOUS, significantly EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed highly individual Edwardian residence in popular district within walking distance of Milking Bank & so many other amenities. There are many fine period features with the accommodation comprising canopy porch, entrance vestibule, imposing reception hall (off ceiling heights), transverse lounge, additional sitting room with double glazed patio doors, understair store leading to cellar, refitted breakfast kitchen with various appliances, sun room (with patio door-glazed roof) and a separate toilet beyond. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, large bathroom. LARGE CONTRACTORS GARAGE (20ft x 10'4"), secluded walled rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offer in the region of £174,950**DUDLEY****Donnington Court, 'Capitol Heights'**

RECENTLY BUILT circa 2007 and covered by NHBC, a particularly stylish, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed, freehold intermediate townhouse with an 'enhanced specification' enjoying MAGNIFICENT PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS within walking distance of Milking Bank Neighbourhood. To the ground floor is an imposing hall, fitted cloakroom, third bedroom & superb well equipped dining kitchen with a fine range of units & appliances, store. To the first floor, excellent 17'10" through living room, part tiled bathroom, to the second floor two double bedrooms (principal bedroom with part tiled shower room en suite), ample parking, level garden. NO CHAIN. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950**SEDGLEY****Dumbleberry Avenue, Brownswall Estate**

A spacious, ENLARGED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in favoured district close to country park/open fields, and so many amenities. Accommodation includes; enlarged porch, reception hall, sitting room with bay, fitted cloakroom, dining room with patio doors, enlarged/refitted kitchen. Three bedrooms (third bedroom enlarged into eaves), refitted/enlarged bathroom with white suite. Lengthy (17'10") garage. Secluded rear garden, distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950**COSELEY****Nicholds Close**

An attractive, conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed family home envially situated at head of favoured cul de sac within walking distance of so many amenities, bus & rail transport routes. Accommodation provides reception hall, fitted cloakroom, lounge with bay, dining room with patio doors, kitchen, store. Three bedrooms (principal bedroom with bay & shower room en suite), bathroom. Boarded/plastered attic space with two 'velux' style skylights. Lengthy (17'10") gated drive, brick garage. LEVEL SECLUDED REAR GARDEN. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,900**LOWER GORNAL****Manor Drive**

A significantly EXTENDED, uPVC double glazed ('woodgrain effect'), gas centrally heated, semi detached bungalow within reasonable walking distance of the village centre. Accommodation includes 23'3" lounge, separate sitting room, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom. Lengthy car port (brick block drive), garage, "low maintenance" gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £164,950**LOWER GORNAL****Oakland Drive**

An EXTENDED, significantly modernised/improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached in popular cul de sac within walking distance of so many amenities & open fields. Accommodation includes double glazed entrance porch, reception hall, superb 28ft through living/dining room (possibilities of sub-division), upgraded kitchen with oven, hob & filter, pantry, three bedrooms (two with wardrobes) bathroom, block paved foregarden/drive to brick garage, rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950**KINGSWINFOR****78 Granville Drive**

Commanding a LARGE CORNER POSITION with a SUPERB OPEN FRONT OUTLOOK, this MOST DECEPTIVE, SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE IS BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED AND WELL APPOINTED throughout, comprising: reception hall, attractive lounge, dining room, CONSERVATORY, modern fitted kitchen, utility, THREE BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom with spa bath, GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is set back beyond the LARGE BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE, ADDITIONAL CARAVAN/BOAT PARKING to the side and with a BROAD SUNNY AND PRIVATE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFOR OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £157,950**WITHYMOOR VILLAGE****Abbotts Mews**

Situated on this much sought after development, close to all local amenities, is this much improved, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed, modern style three bedroomed semi detached property with private aspect to the rear. With accommodation comprising: porch, lounge, modern kitchen/diner, three first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, garden to the rear, driveway to the front, garage, uPVC gutter and fascia. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £144,950**WOODSETTON****Rosemary Crescent**

An EXTENDED, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached that has been TREMENDOUSLY MODERNISED and improved set in quiet cul de sac and comprising entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with bay, understair store, magnificent 21ft extended dining room (with double french doors) and an extensive 18'2" comprehensively refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of stylish 'English cream' units & various integrated appliances. Three bedrooms, reappointed/re-fitted bathroom with white suite, off road parking, landscaped/secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,000**COSELEY****Clifton Street, Hurst Hill**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This beautifully presented, extended, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained/improved by the current owners and internal inspection is strongly advised to appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, extended dining kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, CONSERVATORY, three good bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £137,500**SEDGLEY****Gibbons Hill Road**

TREMENDOUSLY IMPROVED, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached excellently situated close to 'The Beacon' open space and comprising entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, recently refitted kitchen with a fine range of antique one finish units with integrated appliances, pantry, separate dining room (with patio doors out to the garden), three bedrooms (one with double wardrobe), reappointed bathroom with white suite, through lobby with two stores & a separate w.c., GARAGE, secluded good size rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers in the region of £137,450**WOODSETTON****Rosemary Crescent**

A modernised, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached in quiet cul de sac comprising entrance porch, reception hall, store, lounge with bay, transverse 17ft upgraded breakfast kitchen with patio doors through to a large L-shape uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom, block paved driveway (possible garage space - not verified), large secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £130,000**NETHERTON****Cinder Bank**

This deceptively spacious, Victorian style, majority double glazed and gas centrally heated, three bedroomed detached home is conveniently situated for local amenities, and is ideally suited to family requirements. The versatile property briefly comprises: entrance hall, lounge, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, side verandah, bathroom, three double bedrooms (master with built in wardrobes and en-suite wc), secure parking, and courtyard style garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £129,995**LOWER GORNAL****Ellowes Road**

An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally stylish & tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in well regarded, convenient district. A personal inspection is vital to fully appreciate quality & nature of the ENLARGED accommodation which comprises reception hall, excellent lounge, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units & various integrated appliances, pantry, dining room, rear lobby, fitted cloakroom, utility section. Three bedrooms, stylish reappointed bathroom with white suite, block paved foregarden (kerb dropped), secluded/landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £127,950**COSELEY****NEW PRICE****Brooklyn Grove**

REDUCED TO REPRESENT OUTSTANDING VALUE. Detached and EXTENDED, 3 bedrooms with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Would benefit from general refurbishment, yet offers tremendous potential and scope for improvement. Accommodation includes reception hall, store, sitting room with bay, extended 17ft breakfast kitchen, extended L-shape lounge/dining room (with patio doors), three bedrooms, tiled shower room (former bathroom) with white suite. Neat garden, separate utility, substantial garage and large drive. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £127,500**PENSNETT****Derwent Close**

This fully modernised and much improved, modern style semi detached property offers three bedrooms, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation which is worthy of internal inspection, the well presented interior is worth to comprise: inner hall, guest wc, lounge, dining room, modern kitchen, three first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, gardens to front and rear, garage, driveway, uPVC gutter and fascia. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £124,950**LOWER GORNAL****Autumn Drive**

VENDOR IS OFFERING A 5% GIFTED DEPOSIT ON THE PURCHASE PRICE. A well presented & significantly enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached at head of cul de sac in popular district. Superb accommodation includes porch, reception hall, through lounge/dining room (formerly separate rooms), refitted kitchen with a fine range of units with integrated oven, hob & filter. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobe), tiled bathroom, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950**UPPER GORNAL****North Oval**

A conscientiously maintained, EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed end 'starter home' upon wide corner plot with extensive gated block paved parking, and good distant views from rear. Spacious, excellent accommodation includes: reception hall, separate dining room, through living room with feature fireplace, extended L-shape breakfast kitchen. Three generous bedrooms, bathroom. Large garage, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950**UPPER GORNAL****Ox Street**

An attractive uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated, freehold semi detached occupying a fine corner plot with good distant views in popular neighbourhood. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, lounge, transverse dining kitchen with integrated oven & hob, pantry, THREE BEDROOMS (one with double wardrobe), bathroom, 'low maintenance' rear garden, further front & side gardens with DOUBLE PARKING SPACE. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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**SEDGLEY****GREENACRES**

A four bedroom detached home that enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location with breathtaking views of the local farmland. It briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted kitchen, a 23ft conservatory, a utility room, a downstairs shower room, four bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a large rear garden.

£279,950**SEDGLEY****LONGMEADOW DRIVE**

A three bedroom link detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge/dining room, a conservatory, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden that enjoys stunning views of the local farmland.

£204,950**MILKING BANK****AINTREE WAY**

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge with an attractive fireplace, a dining room with French doors opening onto the rear garden, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs wc, a master bedroom en suite, three further bedrooms, a family bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

£199,950**SEDGLEY****BROWNSWALL ROAD**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge with open access into the conservatory, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£169,950**SEDGLEY****DUDLEY ROAD**

A two bedroom semi-detached bungalow that briefly comprises: Reception porch, reception hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, two bedrooms, shower room, uPVC double glazing (where stated), gas-fired central heating and a beautiful rear garden.

£167,950**MILKING BANK****BRELADES CLOSE**

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a magnificent fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs wc, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

£166,950**MILKING BANK****BRELADES CLOSE**

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a magnificent fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a lovely rear garden.

£162,950**MILKING BANK****COWLEY DRIVE**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, an upstairs office, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden.

£151,950**WOODSETTON****GRIFFITHS ROAD**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge with an archway leading through to a sitting room, a separate dining room, a study, a spacious breakfast kitchen, a downstairs wc, three bedrooms, a bathroom, gas fired central heating, a 25ft garage and a delightful rear garden.

£149,950**LARKS VIEW****BEAUMARIS CLOSE**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises: a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge, a superb fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a conservatory, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden with panoramic views.

£146,950**FAIRVIEW PARK****DIBDALE ROAD WEST**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises: reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, superb fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway for two cars and a pleasant rear garden.

£142,950**LOWER GORNAL****WALLOWS WOOD**

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a sitting room/dining room, a kitchen, a utility room, a storage room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating and a rear garden.

£136,950**LOWER GORNAL****THE STRAITS**

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge with French doors opening into the conservatory, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a rear garden that backs onto open farmland.

£131,950**SEDGLEY****ARCAL STREET**

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a conservatory, two double bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a double width driveway and a good sized rear garden.

£124,950**SEDGLEY****WARREN DRIVE**

A two bedroom end of terraced home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a re-appointed kitchen with integrated appliances, two double bedrooms, a shower room, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£124,950**LOWER GORNAL****THORNLEIGH**

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden.

£117,950**HURST HILL****SPRINGVALE CLOSE**

A three bedroom mid town house that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, an open plan kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing and a pleasant garden with rear access.

£99,950**FAIRVIEW PARK****MANDERSTON CLOSE**

A one bedroom first floor apartment that briefly comprises a private entrance hall, a spacious lounge, a fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a bedroom, a bathroom, uPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a loft space and a garage.

£89,950**TO LET****PENN**

This lovely three bedroomed semi-detached property is available to let in a quiet area of Penn in Wolverhampton. This fashionable accommodation boasts two well-decorated reception rooms, an impressive hallway and a modern fitted kitchen with some appliances. The property also has a garage and a utility/storage area. On the first floor are two double bedrooms, a single bedroom and a modern white suited bathroom with shower. To the rear of the property is a garden. To appreciate this fine home, a viewing is recommended.

£625 pcm**TO LET****UPPER GORNAL**

A beautifully presented two bedroomed terraced home with many original features. Situated in popular residential area with pleasant views and within easy reach of all local amenities. The property comprises a lovely lounge with coal effect gas fire, pleasant dining room leading to kitchen with appliances and downstairs bathroom. Two large bedrooms are situated on the first floor. The property has a secluded rear garden.

£550 pcm**TO LET****UPPER GORNAL**

We are pleased to have this stunning refurbished Victorian two bedroomed house to let. This property has been sympathetically restored to a high standard and benefits from two lovely reception rooms leading to a newly fitted kitchen with appliances, and modern white suited bathroom with shower. On the first floor are two double bedrooms. To the rear of the property is a neat rear garden. We strongly recommend early viewing.

£495 pcm**TO LET****DUDLEY**

This lovely two bedroomed mid terraced property is available. This fashionable accommodation boasts a large lounge with patio doors leading to garden, fully fitted modern kitchen with some appliances, two double bedrooms and a family bathroom. There is allocated parking to the front of the property and a very pretty and easily maintained rear garden.

£495 pcm**TO LET****DUDLEY**

This lovely two bedroomed first floor apartment is available to let. This fashionable accommodation boasts a large lounge with French windows, fully fitted kitchen, a double bedroom, a single bedroom and a family bathroom. There is allocated parking and secure access. This apartment would suit a professional couple or single. Viewing recommended.

£425 pcm**TO LET****UPPER GORNAL**

A delightful one bedroom first floor flat set in idyllic surroundings with beautiful open views. The flat has been tastefully decorated and boasts a modern bathroom and kitchen with appliances. There is a good sized double bedroom and equally substantial living area, would suit single person or professional couple. The property is close to all amenities and the village of Upper Gornal. To appreciate what the flat has to offer we recommend viewing.

£425 pcm

Designer looks for firm's fourth generation supermini due for September release in UK

Kia showing off new Rio



The new look of the Rio boasts a distinctive new personality and represents a major departure from the previous car's styling

Kia's all-new fourth-generation Rio, revealed at the 2011 Geneva Motor Show this week, boasts a bold and distinctive personality, bringing the latest model into line with the rest of the Korean firm's striking design-led product range.

Given the job of improving on the international sales success of the previous generation Rio, Kia's engineers and designers have created a new model designed to appeal to consumers' aesthetic tastes.

However, the car will also drive sales through its low running costs and class-leading CO2 emissions – with target figures for the model range starting at just 85 g/km.

Since its launch in 2005, global sales of the third-generation Rio have totalled more than 860,000 units. It was the company's third best-selling vehicle in overseas markets during 2010 with sales of more than 219,000 units, sales in the UK total 52,626 units.

The new Rio is longer by 20mm, wider by 2 mm, and lower by 15mm, greatly enhancing passenger space and cargo capacity. Manufactured for the first time with a choice of five-door and three-door body styles, the new Rio is set to completely redefine its position and Kia is confident of capturing a larger share of the growing B-market segment.

To lower fuel consumption and help achieve the Rio's class-leading emissions, Kia engineers have carried out an extensive programme to shed weight across a broad range of components. As a result, although the new Rio is a significantly larger car than the third-generation model with extra equipment,

its weight-gain has been kept to a minimum.

The five-door version of new Rio will go on sale in the UK from September with the all-new three-door model on sale from early 2012. Both versions will be manufactured exclusively at Kia's Sohari plant in Korea.

This new car is no evolution of its predecessor, it is a revolution. The bold and distinctive personality of the new Rio represents a complete departure from its predecessor and fits perfectly into the revitalised new family of Kia products.

Viewed head-on, new Rio has its own unique interpretation of the Kia corporate grille which is integrated with the front lamps to create a new twist on the Kia family look.

To maximise the impact of Rio's striking appearance is a fresh new palette of 10 body colours.

Segment

With the introduction of the new Rio, the Kia product portfolio has just taken the next important step towards becoming a family of vehicles which has an attractive and coherent brand style but still manages to retain individual product character.

In the UK the new Rio will offer customers a choice of four highly efficient three- and four-cylinder engines – with a 70-109PS power range – and a CO2 base-line rating from just 85 g/km, plus fuel consumption as high as 88.3 mpg.

In many countries, diesel power is the preferred option in this segment and Rio will be available with two versions of Kia's U2 power unit. The 1.4 litre generates 90PS and 216 Nm of torque, while the 1.1-litre produces 70PS and 162 Nm. Both engines deliver maximum torque from just 1,750 rpm.

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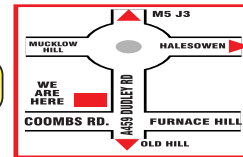
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Red card for Burgess after opening goal

BEWDLEY 4 AFC WULFRUNIANS 0
BEWDLEY Town were on best form to end off top-of-the-table AFC Wulfrunians' 14 match winning streak with a convincing 4-0 victory. They should have been ahead within 30 seconds.

Ollie Smith was put clear by Richard Burgess but a slight hesitation allowed Wulfs' defender Graham Ashton to apply enough pressure for him to fire wide.

Winger Chris Seekings shot just wide and then went closer after beating Wulfs keeper to a long through ball but his goal-bound shot was intercepted. Bewdley had

to reshuffle the pack when central defender Richard Softley pulled up with a hamstring injury and was replaced by Craig Webb. They took a 23rd minute lead when Burgess picked up a loose ball on the edge of the area before curling a shot into the bottom right hand corner.

But four minutes before the interval the striker Burgess was shown a straight red card for an off the ball incident.

Any thoughts that it would be back-to-the-wall defending for 10-man Bewdley were quickly dispelled as they added a further two goals soon after the break. In

the 50th minute, Sean Wright was brought down after a long free kick in to the area. Seekings scored from the spot.

Eight minutes later he forced Tipton to make another point blank save. The ball was quickly crossed back into the area where Hough forced another save but Smith fired home the rebound.

Bewdley keeper Darren Steadman was in inspired form, pulling off a string of fine saves and keeping his well organised defence on their toes. Not even 12 minutes of added time could help Wulfs and Hough Bewdley added a late fourth goal.



Chris Seekings

Premier title within grasp

TIVIDALE 3 SHIFNAL TOWN 0

TIVIDALE went back to the top of the West Midlands League Premier Division courtesy of a fairly comfortable win over Shifnal Town and their nearest rivals dropping points.

The visitors started brightly and Tividale had a wake-up call when Shifnal's Zac Jackson struck the crossbar with a fierce drive after five minutes.

Tividale stepped up a gear and from then on it was pretty much plain sailing.

The hosts should have been well ahead long before Chris Rabone jinxed his way

into the penalty before firing home on 21 minutes.

Eight minutes later, Rabone again ran riot down the visitors' left flank and after some desperate defending his low cross was tapped home by Matt Salmon to make it 2-0.

To their credit, Shifnal held on defiantly till half-time when a rout looked on.

The second period began as the first had ended with more pressure on the visitors defence and it was no surprise when Tividale skipper Salmon made it 3-0 on 52 minutes with a great shot.

McPhee fires equaliser on his 100th appearance

CHRIS MCPHEE celebrated his 100th Harriers appearance with a second-half equaliser to earn a share of the spoils against Luton in the Blue Square Premier.

The Harriers midfielder ghosted in at the far post to meet Callum Gittings' deep free-kick and head the ball past Mark Tyler on 52 minutes to record his 15th goal of the season.

Harriers manager Steve Burr was quick to praise the club's longest serving player. "Before the game the lads gave him a shirt with the number 100 on the back," he said.

"Chris has done well and it was nice to see him pop up at the far stick and head one in to get us something out of the game."

Extended

Burr was slightly disappointed that his side didn't perform as well as they might.

"I thought we could have kept the ball a bit better today, but it was a game in which neither team wanted to give anything."

Harriers extended their unbeaten run to nine games, with only one defeat since the turn of the year as Burr reflected: "With the run we've been on we came here looking for three points."

"But when you can't get them, the next best thing is to ensure you at least take something from the game."

Luton showed greater invention in a one-sided opening 20 minutes,

LUTON TOWN 1 HARRIERS 1

Lloyd Owusu earning himself a yellow card after just 30 seconds for his theatrical dive in an attempt to win a penalty. Owusu and former Harriers front man Matty Barnes-Homer were a constant handful as Michael Briscoe and Mark Albrighton showed great resilience at the heart of the defence.

It came as no surprise when Luton struck the opening goal on 27 minutes, although Callum Gittings had just spurred a great opportunity for the visitors when heading straight at Mark Tyler.

Freddie Murray's crossfield ball found Barnes-Homer on the edge of the Harriers box. The ball ricocheted off Briscoe back into the path of Barnes-Homer and from an acute angle he struck a perfect half-volley that hit the roof of the net and bounced back into play.

Response

Confusion reigned as the officials deliberated before rightly deciding the goal should stand.

Harriers responded with Sean Canham deflecting Albrighton's shot onto the Luton bar before the home side wasted two good chances.

Harriers' equaliser only intensified the home side's efforts, but despite enjoying the majority of possession Luton were unable to test Danny Lewis in the visitors' goal.

Enter the Dragon – plus students



Tae Kwon Do Schools of Excellence and the Zara Phythian seminar group at Bewdley Leisure Centre

SCREEN movie fighter Master Zara Phythian – also known as Lady Dragon – was the star of a martial arts seminar at Bewdley Leisure Centre.

The 13 times world champion gave a series of demonstrations and master classes at an event attended by more than 140 students from all over the county.

In between the action she signed autographs and posed for photographs with the students. She also presented a crystal award to Russell Perks, chief instructor and owner of Tae Kwon Do

Schools of Excellence, for outstanding contribution to martial arts.

In return Phythian was presented with a personal portrait in oils.

"Tae Kwon Do Schools of Excellence do amazing things for both its students and the community," she said. "They are very heavily involved within school and local group activities."

Anyone interested in joining the Tae Kwon Do/martial arts classes should call Russell Perks on 01562 636005 or check out the website www.tkdsoe.org.uk



Students get down to work under the tutelage of Zara Phythian



Zara Phythian and chief instructor Russell Perks

Medals flow as Samurai give debuts to players

SAMURAI Judo Club fielded a group of new players as well as a few slightly more experienced ones at their Mini-Me Open at Gilt Edge Social Club, Kidderminster, and were rewarded with four gold medals, four silvers and 12 bronzes.

In the lightest boys' group, Joshua Cooper make his competition debut and gaining a bronze, which was followed up with a bronze for William Taylor.

Samurai's first gold went to

Nathan Gallacher, who although still in his first year of judo already had two golds.

Newcomer James Wall bravely had a go after just a few weeks in the sport. He did well, losing in the semi-final but coming to win the bronze. Fellow newcomer Joe Edwards made it to the final where his opponent proved too experienced, but this was still silver.

Jordan Rosewarne showed some good skills and was unlucky to lose

in the semi-final but came back and win the bronze. There were bronze medals for Mitchell Whitmore and Thomas Harrison.

Luke Haynes was another making his debut. He reached the semi-final before losing to a much more experienced player but came back to take a well deserved bronze.

Andy Calloway and Rhys Williams were in the same weight and were both taking part in their first competition. Andy got bronze

and Rhys, took gold. He also reached the final of the open weight group where he was defeated by a larger and more experienced player to leave him with silver.

The lightest girls weight category saw a spirited debut from Charlotte Spokes. She reached the semi-final before losing but came back well to win the bronze. Samurai then took bronzes through Paige Cooper, like her brother Joshua making her contest debut, Ellie Griffiths and

Emily Harrison. Fellow debutante Rebekah Hobby lost her final the final to a more experienced player.

Molly Thompson went one better winning gold in her second competition. In the last category, Samurai's Charlotte Read and Chelsea Oliver reached the best of three final. The more experienced Charlotte won the first, but competition debutante Chelsea took the second. The contest was decided by Charlotte's excellent throw in the third.

Causeway back on track

CAUSEWAY UTD 3 BIDDULPH-VICTORIA 0
CAUSEWAY bounced back from their midweek defeat at Kirby Muxloe with an easy three-goal victory over Biddulph Victoria.

From the kick-off United dominated the game and despite early chances for Scott Stevenson and Arron Lloyd, it was Danny Jones who finally broke the deadlock for the home side.

He rose high to beat Vics keeper James Fossdyke and head the ball home on 32 minutes.

Aaron Lloyd gave United some breathing space just before half-time when he netted his 18th goal of the season, courtesy of a close-range header which gave Fossdyke little

chance. Following the break, United continued to push forward in what was a one-sided affair but found it difficult to extend their lead despite creating the chances.

Adam Meacham was denied by the crossbar on the hour when Aaron Lloyd effort turned round the post by Fossdyke just five minutes later.

The victory was secured seven minutes from time when Danny Jones celebrated his brace direct from the penalty spot having been floored by Biddulph defender Scott Burge.

United keeper Matt Sidaway had very little to do in goal throughout the match as Biddulph clocked up their 17th league defeat.

Hat-trick heroics from Tipton's Jakab in the box

WESTFIELDS 1 TIPTON 4

TIPTON returned from a Herefordshire with three Midland Alliance points after a resounding away-day success.

The home side led early on, but had no answer to Tipton in the second half as star striker Jozsef Jakab grabbed a hat-trick to take his tally to 22 goals for the season.

Tipton were dealt a blow before a ball was kicked when Ross Brown had to be withdrawn with a thigh hamstring, Ryan Mosedale taking his place in the only change on Wednesday's win over Coalville Town.

It was the home side that started brighter with Tipton keeper Matt

Sargeant saving well from Joel Edwards at the near post.

The early pressure continued and Westfields took the lead on seven minutes. Scott Jackson's ball over the top found Jamie Cuss, who beat the offside trap and converted from just inside the penalty area.

Tipton began to find their feet and Jakab headed over a Mosedale corner while Marcus Jackson's pace began to cause problems for the home defence.

The visitors levelled just before the half hour mark Westfields failed to clear a Tipton corner. Danny Bragoli clipped the ball to the back post Jakab couldn't miss from close range.

The game entered a crucial spell

just before the interval. Westfields striker Richard Kear crashed a header against the upright and within a minute the home side were a man light after Anthony Robbins, fresh from a suspension, picked up his second yellow card following a cynical foul on Steve Palmer.

Tipton were in total control after the break and it was no surprise when they took the lead.

Alex Cowley beat two players before shooting from just outside the box with his effort beating Jamie Moore at the near post to give Tipton a 2-1 advantage.

Jackson, who was giving the home defence a torrid time, whipped in

another cross and Jakab beat the keeper to the ball and steering it into the far corner for 3-1.

Dan Price saw a header saved in the home side's only real chance of the second period.

Tipton responded with Jackson clipping the crossbar from a free-kick and John Hill stabbing the ball wide from six yards out.

Tipton continued to dominate and Jakab was rewarded for an excellent afternoon's work with a hat-trick as the game entered the final minute.

Hill's ball over the top was missed by Craig Jones and Jakab latched onto it before coolly slotting past the keeper from just inside the box.

GIRLS LEAGUE

HALAS HAWKS 1 GORNAL 0

Halas Hawks U10s girls inflicted the first defeat of the season against Gornal in a 1-0 win. Halas dominated large parts of the game, especially in midfield where Charlotte Faraday and Maddison Eden were outstanding. This led to a barrage of attacks but they had to settle for one goal from Maddison Eden to give them the points to put them to the top of the table.

GORNAL GIRLS 1 HALAS HAWKS 8

Despite going a goal down, Halas Hawks U12 girls bounced back to score goals through Louise Tromans (3), Lucy Heaselgrave (2), Amy Plimmer, Francesca Hancox and Bethan Bryan to win 8-1.

WITHYMOOR 2 HALAS HAWKS 4

The U13s met Withywood and strengthened their bid for the league title with win with goals from Chelsea Dudson, Amy Blakemore and Sophie Blount.

KIDDER LIONS 4 HALAS HAWKS 0

The U15s gave themselves a mountain to climb after giving away three soft goals in the first quarter of this match at Kidderminster. But although they went a further goal down early in the second half, they grew in confidence and were unlucky on several occasions not to pull the score back. Kate Drew was player of the match with a strong performance up front and keeper Livi Woolmans made some fantastic saves.

BOYS LEAGUE

BRANDHALL COLTS 2 HALAS HAWKS 2

Having gone down to an early goal against Brandhall, the U9s North dug deep to equalise through Jake Crackett. Jack Bingham put Halas ahead before a Brandhall equaliser just after half time. Although there was then end-to-end play the deadlock was not broken and after such hard work a draw seemed a fair result.

KEWFOUR EAST 2 HALAS HAWKS EAST 0

The U9 East travelled to league leaders Kewford East and should have gone a goal up but missed a good chance. Kewford then took advantage and scored twice before half time. The second half continued with Kewford having most of the possession but with both teams defending well, there was no further score. Two players stood out for Halas with Tom Baker keeping us in the game at the back and Oliver Miller working tirelessly on his own front.

HALAS HAWKS 1 FOREST FALCONS 1

The U10s West drew 1-1 against Forest Falcons with Callum Hudson getting their goal.

The U11s beat Gornal with the goals coming in the first half from Jonty Round, Harry Wakeman and Matt Evans.

HALAS HAWKS 1 WITHYMOOR EAST 3

A lively match saw Withywood take the lead against the U13s but Halas kept up the pressure equalising on the stroke of half time after Liam Holmes slammed in a rebound off the bar after a Halas free kick. The second half saw Withywood take the advantage and then seal the match 3-1 despite Halas playing some great football. Man of the match went to Jack Bagley.

The U14s East recorded a comfortable 4-0 victory over Envile Athletic. Hawks goals arrived from Joe Priest, Kane Campbell, Louis Ezezele and Dan Willets. Halas are still in second place and only a point from leaders Gornal who they face in their next match in a crucial end of season possible title deciding match.

HALAS HAWKS 5 OLDSWINFORD 0

The U16s and Oldswinford both had chances, but it was Halas who took them, with goals from Kieron McIllduff (2), Alex Chappell, Ben Hughes and Kieran Hilston.

HALAS HAWKS LADIES

CONTINENTAL STAR 0 HALAS HAWKS 4

Halas Ladies travelled to Continental Star for their final game of the season knowing that a win for either team would probably give them the league runners-up spot. It was Hawks who showed more desire and they thoroughly deserved their 3-0 win with goals from Kirsty Houston, Gemma College and a penalty from Steph Wem.



Replacement DK centre Gareth Davies scores with his first touch



Matt Farrington plunges over for DK's fourth try despite despairing efforts by the Leamington defence

Four-star Stef superb as DK slaughter strugglers



Home skipper Pete Knight soars to take line-out ball for DK

STEFAN SHILLINGFORD notched four tries as Dudley Kingswinford routed Leamington to extend their unblemished league record.

The result was never in doubt in this top versus bottom clash and in the process DK took their points total past the 100 mark, from just 21 matches. Leamington kept DK at bay for just six minutes before Matt Farrington's pass sent Shillingford racing away and he rode two tackles for his first try of the game.

Three minutes later Leamington lost the ball in their own 22 and ever-alert DK captain Pete Knight nipped in to score out wide, with a fine conversion from Gareth Bown.

The DK pressure was constant and on 16 minutes Ben Connott picked up from a five-metre scrum to feed Jon Tideswell for the flanker's first try for the club.

A bonus point was secured when the ball was moved right for Matt Farrington to dive over, with Gareth Bown notching his fourth straight conversion.

Al Francis bounced off a couple of tackles following a free kick to plough over for an unconverted try out wide, before slick inter-passing through several pairs of hands saw Shillingford overlap to score.

Just seconds after the restart the hosts scored a bizarre try when their kick off was left by the Leamington players, who thought it was sailing out, but the ball bounced inside the touchline and Ed Parry snapped it up for a 40-metre score.

Soon after, James Jefferson fielded a Leamington defensive

DUDLEY KINGSWINFORD 85 LEAMINGTON 0

kick and carved through the midfield before switching to Jak Davis who scored.

Two minutes later replacement flanker Tui Asi-Pito launched a tremendous mid-field break before passing to Davis, who in turn sent in Shillingford for his hat trick try.

Another devastating break from Asi-Pito created DK's 10th try with the ball flung wide to Shillingford, who made it 66-0.

Cruise

Gareth Davies had come on in the centre and for the second week in succession he scored with his first touch, following an expertly executed scissors move from Bown, who added the conversion.

More fine play from Davies on 68 minutes created space for Davis to cruise in for his second try, before Tideswell completed the scoring from a five-metre scrum.

Bown converted again - his 10th from 13 attempts during the afternoon - as DK made it 21 consecutive victories in the Midland 1 West division this season.



New signing Jon Tideswell scores on debut



No swallow dive for four-try Stefan Shillingford

Five tries can't halt a Cornish pasting

REDRUTH 36 STOURBRIDGE SAXONS 32
REDRUTH fly half Aaron Penberthy grabbed the headlines with a perfect eight-from-eight return, to steer his side past valiant Stourbridge in a thriller.

The 18-year-old kicked five penalties and three conversions, as his team claimed four vital points, writes Paul Smith.

Stourbridge outscored their hosts by five tries to

three, and claimed both bonus points, but ultimately paid the price for missing too many important touches, and the concession of too many kickable penalties.

Stourbridge man of the match Ashley Smith got the visitors off to a flyer when he squeezed in the left corner for his maiden National One try with only five minutes on the clock.

Penberthy kicked three fine penalties in the opening half hour in response to a single Jamie Hearn strike.

However, Stour consistently threatened with ball in hand, and soon claimed a second try when full back Hearn's dazzling 60 metre burst left centre Charlie Hayter with a canter to the line.

Hearn converted, but Redruth racked up ten rapid unanswered points in six pre-interval minutes to claim an advantage they never relinquished.

Advantage

A series of forward drives saw second row Luke Collins barge over, with Penberthy adding the conversion, then his fourth penalty, awarded when Rupert Cooper was sin-binned following a scuffle on the ground.

Turning to play into Hell Fire Corner, a one man advantage offered Redruth just the incentive they needed, and they piled on the pressure, to force a second converted close-range score through Damien Cook.

Nonetheless, the Saxons refused to concede defeat, and when Smith broke a weak midfield tackle, he raced away from the defence, before intelligently releasing Sam



Try-scorer Ashley Smith Baker, who finished in style.

But the relegation-threatened home side ended any thoughts of a Saxons comeback with another ten point salvo at the start of the final quarter.

Winger Sean Hawkey's diagonal burst took him into the left corner, and Penberthy converted, before adding another penalty following a dangerous Stourbridge tackle.

The visitors continued to press, and when Redruth front row forwards Darren Jacques and Richard Brown both infringed in the red zone, Stourbridge were left with a two man advantage throughout injury time.

This produced two more excellent tries - a fine finish from Hearn and a maiden effort from Ben Sparks following a driving line-out.

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Archer's arrows hit home at Yeltz

LEON ARCHER was the scourge of Halesowen, striking a hat-trick to give promotion-chasing Chesham a 4-1 win.

The Yeltz, who visit Chesham for a return fixture next week, handed debuts to Peter Folkes and Jem Mills, writes David Johnson.

Archer took just 45 seconds to put the visitors in the driving seat when he headed home a right-wing cross from Paul Robinson.

The Generals bossed the early play with influential Steve Wales striking across goal in the 15th minute.

Prolific Archer doubled Chesham's lead with his second headed goal in the 31st minute, perfectly timing his run to meet another Robinson centre.

Just before the interval Curtis went close for the hosts when his curling 25-yard shot was tipped away for a corner by goalkeeper Shane Gore.

Consolation

Garth Davies went closer still for Halesowen when he rattled the crossbar with another long range shot in the 57th minute, and Curtis fired across goal five minutes later.

The start of the second period was largely uneventful until Chesham turned up the heat again to claim a further two goals.

Archer completed his hat-trick by slotting into an empty net after a mistake from Skidmore left Flower stranded.

Justin Nisbett grabbed what would be a mere consolation for Halesowen 90 seconds later by converting a loose ball after substitute Jemiah Richards pressured goalkeeper Gore.

But Wales made it 4-1 for Chesham in the 75th minute with a superb top corner finish from the edge of the penalty area.

Steve Obeng's flying header then hit the post but Chesham spared the Yeltz any further embarrassment.

Away day joy for Gornal after two defeats

DUDLEY SPORTS 2 GORNAL ATHLETIC 4

Gornal got back to winning ways after back-to-back defeats against AFC Wulfrunians and Tividale with an impressive display at Dudley Sports.

The visitors sped into an early 3-0 lead within 17 minutes and, at one stage, threatened to run up a cricket score.

Gregg Gray opened the

scoring on 11 minutes, smashing home a volley from 15 yards after Sports cleared a free kick.

And the same player doubled the lead just 60 seconds later, taking advantage of some lax defending to compose himself and slot home.

On 17 minutes a 40 yard free kick into the Dudley Sports box by Richard Young eluded everybody, including

keeper Samuel Pearson, and bounced into the back of the net.

Brave defending among the Sports ranks denied Gray a ten minute hat-trick before things went from bad to worse for the home side when centre-half James Taylor was forced to withdraw with injury.

Dudley Sports pulled a goal back early in the second half through skipper Mark Gore

before a poor challenge by Steve Bull on Gurd Wilkhoo led to a second yellow card and dismissal.

Even with ten men the home side continued to battle, although it was Gornal who restored their three goal advantage on 69 minutes.

Matt Martin, making his league debut for the Peacocks, picked out Jake Morgan perfectly in the box and the striker made no mistake with

the header. Another excellent cross by the debutant on 79 minutes found Marvin Nesbitt who also nodded home, only to see the linesman flag for offside.

Dudley Sports finished the game on a high, however, as deep into stoppage time Kevin Vogeli robbed Paul Henley of possession and lobbed Gornal James Pemberton with a shot that went in off the underside of the bar.

Harriers' McPhee the hero

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Preview treat for club fans

DUDLEY Heathens riders have been handed the opportunity to put in some much-needed pre-season laps at Wolverhampton's pre-season practice next week.

And that means the former Cradley club and their team of youngsters will be rubbing shoulders with the likes of Grand Prix star Freddie Lindgren, GB World Cup ace Tai Woffinden and Wolves legend Peter Karlsson on Tuesday, March 16. Practice starts at 6pm and Heathens riders are likely to feature from 7pm.

All seven Heathens riders have been invited to take part and a hefty following of fans from the Dudley/Cradley area are sure to make the short trip to see their favourites in action.

Opportunity

Dudley will again be using Monmore Green as their home track for the new season as they continue their search for a new venue closer to their former Dudley Wood home.

Team manager Will Pottinger said: "This is a great opportunity for my riders to get some practice in on their adopted home track. All the boys are up for the new season and we can't wait to get the bikes on the track and get racing."

It's good timing for us with our first meeting against the USA Tourists coming up on Tuesday, April 12."

Elijah sets gold mark

CHARLESWORTH Martial Arts School returned from the British Championships in Nottingham with an impressive medal haul.

World and European champion Elijah Everall, aged 12, was the star man for the Old Hill-based club, winning gold medals in separate weight categories.

He beat the World Association of Kicking Organisations (WAKO) world champion in the first round and then saw off three other opponents to become the -47kg British champion.

He also went into the -52kg section and in the final he beat yet another world champion. Coach Jason Charlesworth said: "I believe Elijah has the world at his feet."

Other successes included Tara Billingham, who kept up her impressive form by gaining two golds in the under-18 black belt cadet girls and the ladies +75kg black belt section.

Kyran Cox, 17, added a gold medal in the -79kg cadet boys.

Weston Bogle, 14, was in possibly of the toughest sections of the day and picked up a bronze medal, while 13-year-old Holly O'Connor, from Gloucester, was pipped at the death in her first round fight.

Another to miss out on a medal was Jodie Lee, who fought well on her competitive debut.

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GLORY SEIZED BY THE CROAT

Guns spiked as Peel power in seven

ROB Peel FC made sure Young Guns stay deep in trouble in the Brierley Hill Premier division as Dan Cowell led them home to a 7-0 victory.

In division one Pass Masters are all but assured of the second promotion spot and beat Clinically Insane 3-0.

Dudley Lions roared home 22-0 this week in the Wolverhampton Monday 6 a side league, crushing Sparkys R Us FC, while Pink Panthers have four points from four games after they saw off Hardly Athletic 3-1.

The Legends preserved top spot on the Wolverhampton Tuesday league - just. They beat Beer Bellies 8-7 in a ding-dong battle which saw James Dickinson score five of the winning sides goals.

Midlands All Stars humbled Only Here For The Beer 8-3.



Young Guns stay in deep trouble

CROATIAN striker Deniz Bala was the hero as Dudley Town edged out rock-bottom Wolverhampton Sporting Community in a thriller at The Dell Stadium.

Bala struck the winner with five minutes to go - his second goal of the game - as the Robins moved six points clear of the relegation zone, writes Chris Davis.

Dudley were able to call on the services of Joe O'Neil following a holiday, while Danny Bell returned from an ankle injury.

The Robins flew out of the traps and should have been in the lead after six minutes.

A pinpoint pass from Bell found Ben Store, but he could only fire the ball straight at Wolves goalkeeper Dan Watson.

Store quickly made amends for his lapse four minutes later by freeing Matt Hearsay to chip Watson for his first goal in Dudley colours.

Basement

There were further chances to extend the lead for the hosts, with Bell, Store and Bala all going close.

But the visitors grew in confidence and equalised through Daniel Lloyd who looped a header over Matt Rodgers on the half hour mark.

Wolves could have gone ahead on the stroke of half time, but Bowen's looping free-kick smashed against the top of Rodgers' crossbar.

On 62 minutes the league's basement dwellers shocked the Robins by taking the lead when Ryan Jones scored with a fine shot

from the right-hand side. Dudley regrouped and just four minutes later levelled the scores when Bala broke free of the Wolves defence to place the ball coolly under substitute keeper Ben Moore.

It appeared that the hosts had the game in the bag after 72 minutes when Danny Bell placed home his first Robins goal since his transfer from Bustleholme.

With new signing Ben Stretton pulling the strings in midfield Dudley looked pretty comfortable, but a contested free-kick, smashed home by Alex Hyde, changed the run of the game and levelled things up at three apiece.

Dudley dug deep and looked the most likely team to snatch a winner with Alex Perry, Bala and substitute Nick Jones all going close.

With just five minutes remaining, Jones was allowed space to back-heel Bala through on goal and the Croatian target man scored his second goal of the game for a dramatic late winner.

Vital three points as Glassboys prove quick learners at Oxford

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FIRST-HALF goals from Leon Broadhurst and Ryan Rowe earned a depleted Glassboys side a vital victory away at Oxford City in the Zamaretto Premier.

With Paul McCone, Ben Billingham, Sam Rock, Paul Lloyd, James Dyson, Craig Connor and Ryan Mahon all missing from the Stourbridge line-up, there was a return to the fold for Daryl Jones who played on the left-hand side of midfield.

Youth team players Sam Pritchard and Matt Preston were named among the Stourbridge substitutes.

A cut-up and sanded playing surface was hardly conducive to good football, but the visitors stuck to their task throughout, particularly in the second period when it was backs-to-the-wall for long spells.

Nathan Bennett proved immense for Gary

Hackett's men. Stourbridge drew first blood after 25 minutes. Jamie Oliver started the move as he fed Rowe who in-turn threaded a pass through to Broadhurst who hit a right-foot shot that took a deflection to leave home keeper Jakub Jesionkowski wrong-footed.

Four minutes before the interval, the Glassboys doubled their advantage with another goal that enjoyed an element of good fortune.

Sprinting

Linden Dovey won a tackle and Rowe ran on to the loose ball in the inside right channel area before hitting a low angled 20-yard shot that Jesionkowski should have saved as he dived down to his left.

However, the ball squeezed under his arm to provide the visitors with a two-goal cushion.

City were quickly onto the attack after the re-start to force Stourbridge onto the defensive

and this time the home attack carried more threat.

After some anxious moments in and around the Glassboys box, the hosts should have pulled a goal back in the 52nd minute after Sam Smith blotted an otherwise typically solid display when he dawdled on the ball and allowed himself to be closed down by the sprinting Barcelos who burst through on the visitors' goal.

Solly came to the Glassboys rescue, standing up tall to smother the shot.

Dovey saw a shot touched round his near post by Jesionkowski and then, in the dying minutes, young sub Sam Pritchard fed Canavan who fired just wide.

With a free midweek, Gary Hackett will hope that some of his side will recover from their injuries to be available for this Saturday's trip to Weymouth.

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